

Dual Degree, Master of Social Work/Master of Public Health

The Master of Social Work/Master of Public Health (MSW/MPH) dual degree provides academic training in order to maximize the impact of both public health and social work practices. This dual degree develops expertise at the nexus of public health and social work. The goal of this program is to train leaders who have the skills and competencies to address many of the social and public health problems facing the state of Alaska, this nation and the world.

An advantage of the dual MSW/MPH option is that by mutual agreement between the two programs, some courses count toward graduation requirements in both programs. Thus, the time to complete both degrees and the total number of credits required has been reduced. The time to complete both degrees for a full-time student is approximately three years (nine semesters). If both degrees were pursued sequentially, the minimum time to the degrees is four years (12 semesters).

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Graduate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/graduate/>).
- Students must apply separately and meet the admission requirements of both the MSW (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/msw/>) and MPH (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/mph-publichealthpractice/>) programs. See those programs for specific requirements.

Advising

Each student will have two academic advisors, one for each degree program. Students will have two graduate studies plans (GSPs), one for each degree program. The GSPs will vary based on full or part-time status and the semester of entry into the MSW or MPH program.

Academic Requirements

To maintain satisfactory academic progress toward the dual degrees, a student is expected to be in good standing in both academic programs. See Graduate Degree Policies (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/degreerequirements/policies/>) for additional requirements.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Graduate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/degreerequirements/>).
- Complete the following program requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Complete the following MPH core courses:		
HS A605	Public Health and Society	3
HS A610	Environmental and Occupational Health	3
HS A615	Health Services Administration	3
HS A624	Circumpolar Health Issues	3
HS A625	Biostatistics for Health Professionals	3
HS A626	Principles of Epidemiology	3
HS A630	Public Health Emergencies and Disasters	3
HS A695	Applied Practice Experience	3
HS A696	Integrative Learning Experience	2
Total		26

Code	Title	Credits
Complete the following MSW core courses:		
SWK A607	Social Welfare Policy and Services ¹	3
SWK A608	Advanced Policy Practice	3
SWK A629	Advanced Practice with Individuals	3
SWK A630	Practice with Individuals ¹	3
SWK A631	Introduction to Social Work Practice ¹	3
SWK A632	Practice with Families and Groups ¹	3
SWK A633	Advanced Practice with Families and Groups	3
SWK A635A	Transformational Leadership Capstone Development	2
SWK A635B	Transformational Leadership Capstone Implementation	2
SWK A636	Practice with Organizations and Communities ¹	3
SWK A637	Transformational Leadership with Communities and Organizations	3
SWK A642	Human Behavior in the Social Environment ¹	3
SWK A643	Engaging Diversity through Justice and Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice ¹	3
SWK A695A	Generalist Practicum I ¹	3
SWK A695B	Generalist Practicum II ¹	3
SWK A695C	Advanced Generalist Practicum I	3
SWK A695D	Advanced Generalist Practicum II	3
Total		49

Code	Title	Credits
Complete the following MSW/MPH shared courses:		
HS/SWK A628	Program Evaluation	3
HS A629	Public Health Research Tools and Methods	3-4
or SWK A624	Foundation Research Methods	
Advisor approved elective(s) ²		3-6
Total		9-13

¹ Dual degree students with a Bachelor of Science who are admitted to the MSW program with advanced standing are not required to complete SWK A607, SWK A630, SWK A631, SWK A632, SWK A636, SWK A642, SWK A643, SWK A695A, and SWK A695B.

² Dual degree students in the full MSW program will complete 3 credits of advisor approved electives with public health content. Dual degree students in the advanced standing MSW program will take 6 credits of advisor approved electives with public health content.

A minimum of 60 credits (specifically for students admitted to the MSW program with advanced standing) and a maximum of 84 credits are required for the MSW/MPH dual degree. The MPH degree requires a minimum of 42 credits of public health-relevant coursework.