

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). Similarly, the total number of credits to acquire the dual degree is fewer than 80; the total number of credits for sequentially obtaining both degrees is 105.

Admission Requirements

- Satisfy 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/schoolsocialwork/msw/>) and MPH (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateprograms/coh/healthsciences/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/degree requirements/policies/>) for additional requirements.

Graduation Requirements

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

Each degree will be awarded when the requirements for graduation for that degree have been met.

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/SWK A628	Program Evaluation	3
HS A629	Public Health Research Tools and Methods	4
HS A630	Public Health Emergencies and Disasters	3
HS A695	Applied Practice Experience	3
HS A696	Integrative Learning Experience	2
Total		33

Code	Title	Credits
Complete the following MSW core courses:		
SWK A607	Social Welfare Policy and Services	3
SWK A608	Advanced Policy Practice	3
SWK A630	Practice with Individuals	3
SWK A631	Introduction to Social Work Practice	3
SWK A632	Practice with Families and Groups	3
SWK A633	Advanced Practice with Families and Groups	3
SWK A634	Transformational Leadership in Social Work Practice	3
SWK A635	Transformational Leadership Capstone	3
SWK A636	Practice with Organizations and Communities	3
SWK A642	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
SWK A643	Human Diversity in Social Work Practice	3
SWK A644	Social Work Practicum I	3
SWK A645	Social Work Practicum II	3

SWK A646	Advanced Generalist Practicum I	3
SWK A647	Advanced Generalist Practicum II	3
Total		45

A minimum of 78 credits is required for the Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health dual degree, including a minimum of 42 credits of public health-relevant coursework.