

University of Pittsburgh
School of Social Work and Graduate School of Public Health
Joint Degree Program – MSW/MPH
COSA
Curriculum Design–Course Outline

51 credits required by the School of Social Work

Social Work Core Courses:

SWGEM 2034 Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations (3) (Fall only)(Required)
SWGEM 2098 Generalist Foundations SW Practice (3) (Fall and Summer) (Required)
SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (Fall only) (Required)
SWRES 2021 Foundation of Social Work Research (3) (Spring only) (Required)
SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare (3) (Fall and Spring) (Required)
SWGEM 2099 Foundation Field Work (6) (Required)

Skill Courses

SWCOSA 2084 Social Administration 3 crs. (Fall and Spring) (Required)
AND
SWCOSA 2088 Community Organization 3 crs. (Fall and Spring) (Required)

Second-Level Human Behavior in Social Environment Course

SWBEH 2008 HB: Urban Environment 3 crs. (Fall and Spring) (Required)

Second-Level Policy Course

SWWEL 2087 Organizations and Public Policy 3 crs. (Fall, Spring) (Required)

Second-Level Research Course

Joint degree students should choose **3 credits** from the following public health research courses to satisfy the Second-Level Research Course requirement:

BCHS 2526Health Equity Research Methods & Interventions **3 crs.**
BCHS 2541Research Methods on Aging **2 crs.**
BCHS 2558Health Program Evaluation **3 crs.**
BCHS 2608Introduction to Community Based Participatory Research **1 cr.**
BCHS 2609Translating Research for Policy **1 cr.**
BCHS 2610Concept Mapping: A Participatory Research Method **1 cr.**
BCHS 2990 Social Dynamics in Public Health (EPIDEM 2110 is a prerequisite) 1 crs.
BCHS 2999Modeling Collective Behavior **3 crs.**
BCHS 3002Health Survey Methods **3 crs.**
BCHS 3007Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods **3 crs.**
BCHS 3015 Mapping and Spatial Analysis **3 crs.**
BCHS 3503 Prevention Science: Translating Knowledge to Practice **3 crs.**

Electives and Field Placement

COSA Skill Electives 6 crs.(two courses related to CO or SA track – see below)
SWCOSA 2099 COSA Concentration Field Placement 12 crs. (related to CO or SA track)

Social Administration Electives

SWCOSA 2038 Human Resource Management and Supervision (Fall)
SWCOSA 2040 Grant Proposal Writing (Spring, sometimes in Summer)
SWCOSA 2054 Leadership and Teams (*cross-listing with GSPIA*) (Fall)
SWCOSA 2085 Financial Management (Spring)

Community Organizing Electives

SWCOSA 2090 Working w/ Group and Intergroup Relations: Facilitation, Negotiation and Mediation (Fall)
SWCOSA 2096 Community Planning and Development (Spring only)

36 credits officially required in the Graduate School of Public Health

Graduate School of Public Health Core Courses – All required

BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis (3) (Any term)
BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (3) (Spring)
EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease (3) (Spring)
EPID 2110 Principles of Epidemiology (3) (Fall & Summer)
HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health (3) (Fall & Spring)
PUBHLT 2015 Biology (2) (Fall & Summer)
PUBHLT 2016 Capstone (2) (Fall, Spring & Summer) Permission number needed
*PUBHLT Two Additional Credits (*See Options)*

BCHS Program Core – All required

BCHS 2504 Health Communication (3) (Fall & Spring)
BCHS 2520 Theories (3) (Fall & Spring)
BCHS 2523 Public Health Program Planning and Proposal Writing (3) (Fall & Spring)
BCHS 2554 Intro to Community Health (3) (Fall & Spring)
Second-Level Research Course/s (3)

***MSW/MPH Joint Degree students are required to take two credits in the Graduate School of Public Health.** The areas for these credits are a practicum, independent study, or course work.

The two credits can be satisfied in one of the three areas above in several different options-- 2 credit practicum; 2 credit independent study; or 2 one-credit courses, one 2-credit course. They can also be utilized as-- 1 credit practicum + 1 credit independent study; 1 credit practicum + 1 credit course; or 1 credit independent study + 1 credit course. One additional option is to add a credit to the 2 credits and take a 3-credit course. For example, students could take a 3-credit elective during their final semester but utilizing these 2 credits during that semester and adding on one credit equaling a 3-credit course for a total of 15 credits during that semester. Please discuss these options with your Advisor.

Note: Students register for two years (two fall and spring semesters) through the School of Social Work and one year (one fall and spring semester) through the Graduate School of Public Health. You are eligible for funding through the School of Social Work for a maximum of 2 years (these are the two years you register through that school). You must be registered for **at least 9 credits** in the School of Social Work during the two years you register in that school to be eligible for funding from the School of Social Work. **You must have both school advisors approve your course schedule each term. Your advisor in the School of Social Work will lift your “hold” to register each term.**

COSA Concentration: Revised February 2017

Each course plan schedule will change depending on the needs of the student. The following are suggested schedules for non-advanced standing students, pages 3 and 4; and advanced standing students, page 5.

Suggested Schedule: A

| Year 1 – Fall | Primary Program -Social Work (9-12) | Year 1 – Spring |
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| SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (Fall only) | | SWRES 2021 Foundation of Social Work Research (3) (Spring only) |
| SWGGEN 2034 Foundations of SW Practice with Diverse Populations (3) (Fall only) | | EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease (3) (Spring) |
| SWGGEN 2098 Generalist Foundations SW Practice (3) (Fall and Summer) | | BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (3) (Spring) |
| BCHS 2554 Intro to Community Health (3) (Fall & Spring) | | SWGGEN 2099 Foundation Field Work (3) |
| SWGGEN 2099 Foundation Field Work (3) 15 credits | | SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare (3) (Fall and Spring) 15 credits |

| Year 2 – Fall | Primary Program -Social Work (9-12) | Year 2 – Spring |
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| SWCOSA 2084 Social Administration (3) (Fall and Spring). (Note: Students focusing on SA should take this course first. Students focusing on CO should take SWCOSA 2088 first.) | | SWCOSA 2088 Community Organization (3) (Fall & Spring) |
| EPIDEM 2110 Principles of Epidemiology (3) (Note: Some students do not mind taking statistics and epi together and some find it to be too demanding. Taking epi in the summer of your FIRST year is another option). (Fall & Summer) | | SWWEL 2087 Organizations and Public Policy (3) (Fall & Spring) |
| SWCOSA 2099 Concentration Practice Field Work (6) | | SWCOSA 2099 Concentration Practice Field Work (6) |
| BCHS 2520 Theories (3) (Fall & Spring) 15 credits | | BCHS 2523 Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation (3) (Fall &Spring) 15 credits |

| Primary Program –Public Health | |
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| Year 3 – Fall | Year 3- Spring |
| COSA skill elective #1 (3) | BCHS 2504 Health Communication (3)(Fall &SP) |
| HPM 2001 Health Policy Management (3)(Fall& Spring) | |
| SWBEH 2008 HB: Urban Environment (3) (Fall & Spring) | BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis (3) |
| PUBHLT 2015 Biology (2) (Fall & Summer) | COSA Skill Elective #2 (3) |
| Three credits from several BCHS research courses to satisfy the 2nd level research course in the MSW program. You may need to switch this to the fall semester depending on which BCHS research course you decide to take. (3) | PUBHLT 2016 Capstone (2) (Fall, Spring & Summer) |
| PUBHLT (1 or 2 additional credit(s) as independent study, practicum, or course in 15 credits | PUBHLT (1-2 additional credit(s) as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *) (1) 12 credits |

Suggested Scheduling for Advanced Standing, COSA, MSW/MPH Students (Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms)

Those granted advanced standing during the admission process can receive academic credits for Foundation Courses. The number of advanced standing credits granted depends on the comparability of the student’s undergraduate courses to this Program’s Foundation Courses and on the grades obtained in those undergraduate courses (i.e., must be a “B” grade or higher). Foundation Courses:

SWGEM 2098 Generalist Foundations of Social Work Practice 3 crs. (AD)

SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior and the Social Environment 3 crs.(AD)

SWGEM 2099 Foundation Field Education 6 crs..(AD)

SWGEM 2034 Foundations of S.W. Practice with Diverse Populations 3 crs. (Exempt)

SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare 3 crs.(AD)

SWRES 2021 Foundations of Social Work Research 3 crs.(AD)

Year 1 – Fall

Primary Program -Social Work(9)

Year 1 – Spring

Year 1 –Summer

(or Year 3-Fall with 9 Social Work credits)

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| SWBEH 2008 HB: Urban Environment (3) (Fall & Spring) | BCHS 2554 Introduction to Community Health (3) (Fall & Spring) | PUBHLT (1-2 additional credit as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *) |
| BCHS 2520 Theories (3) (Fall & Spring) | BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (3) (Spring) | PUBHLT 2015 Biology (2) (Fall & Summer) |
| SWCOSA 2084 Social Administration (3) (Fall and Spring). (Note: Students focusing on SA should take this course first. Students focusing on CO should take SWCOSA 2088 first.) | SWCOSA 2088 Community Organization (3) (Fall & Spring) | SWCOSA Skill Elective #1 : such as, SWCOSA 2040 Grant Proposal Writing (Spring, sometimes Summer) (3) |
| SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6) 15 credits | SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6) 15 credits | 6 credits (<i>Summer Term Tuition per credit</i>) |

Year 2 – Fall

Primary Program –Public Health

Year 2 – Spring

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| SWINT Skill Elective #2; or Second-Level Policy Course (3) | BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis (3) |
| EPIDEM 2110 Principles of Epidemiology (3) (Fall & Summer) | EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease (3) (Spring) |
| HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health (3) (Fall & Spring) | PUBHLT (1 additional credit as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *) PUBHLT 2016 Capstone (2) (Fall, Spring & Summer) |
| BCHS 2523 Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation (3) (F & S) | BCHS 2504 Health Communication (3) (Fall & Spring) |
| Three credits from several BCBS research courses to satisfy the 2nd level research course in the MSW program. (3) | SCOSA Skill Elective #2 : such as, SWCOSA 2040 Grant Proposal Writing (Spring, sometimes in Summer) (3); or Second-Level Policy Course: such as, SWWEL 2087 Organizations and Public Policy (Fall& Spring) (3) |
| 15 credits | 15 credits |