

Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh Accelerated (4+1) Bachelor's/Master's Program: Checklist

Thank you for your interest in the accelerated bachelor's/master's program at Pitt Public Health! The program allows students to complete both undergraduate and graduate degrees in five years, saving both time and tuition dollars. To ensure a successful application, please follow this checklist of important steps *before applying to the program*.

You must make an appointment to meet with Pitt Public Health's Office of Student Affairs (PHaccelerated@pitt.edu) and with the program director(s) for the departments that you are considering. See reverse of this page for names of Pitt Public Health program directors.

Make an appointment to meet with your undergraduate advisor(s) as soon as you begin considering the accelerated program. Your undergraduate program can help you sequence courses appropriately and it must agree to accept Public Health courses as fulfillment of your remaining undergraduate "free elective" courses. Your undergraduate advisor will need information about the Public Health courses that you plan to take; they will want to speak with us and your preferred department. If you need to complete specific undergraduate courses in your fourth year, your advisor will need to discuss this with the Pitt Public Health program director.

In addition, some schools at University of Pittsburgh require that you and your advisor consult with a central administrator: *Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences and College of General Studies* – Ms. Susan Crain, Director of Student Records and Academic Administration; *School of Computing and Information* – Ms. Brandi Belleau, Director of Academic Records; *School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences* – Ms. Amy Evans, Academic Advisor.

Submit your application to SOPHAS Express. See www.publichealth.pitt.edu/accelerated for the detailed instructions.

Make an appointment to meet with a counselor in the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. If you are admitted to the accelerated program, you will still be charged undergraduate tuition rates in your fourth year. If you have questions about the charges on your account, please contact the Financial Aid Wellness Center at 412-624-7488 or finaid@pitt.edu.

After you are admitted to the accelerated program, you and your undergraduate advisor must sign an approval form. The form confirms your intention to matriculate and your undergraduate program's willingness to accept your Public Health courses as fulfillment of your remaining undergraduate courses. In addition, students enrolled in Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, College of General Studies, School of Computing and Information, or School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences must obtain a second signature from a central administrator. (See list above.) You will not be able to register for Pitt Public Health classes until this form is signed and submitted.

If you have questions about this information or about your application, please contact Pitt Public Health's Office of Student Affairs at PHaccelerated@pitt.edu.

(See reverse side for Pitt Public Health Program Directors)

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1. Completion of undergraduate credits prior to Year 4

Students must complete a minimum of 96 undergraduate credits, including most of the requirements for their major, before starting the accelerated program in Year 4.

2. Acceptance of graduate *credits* and *courses* for undergraduate requirements

- a. **Credits.** The undergraduate school sets the limit on the number of public health *credits* that will be accepted and applied to an undergraduate degree, usually ranging around 20 credits.
- b. **Courses.** Public health courses may be used to satisfy free electives needed for the bachelor's degree. The student's undergraduate *major department* decides if specific public health *courses* also can be used to fulfill undergraduate major requirements. Please note that the sum of credits for free electives and major requirements could be fewer than 20 credits.

3. Registration for graduate courses in Year 4

Accelerated students will have undergraduate status in Year 4 (the University refers to Year 4 as "the crossover year"). They will take Public Health courses but pay undergraduate tuition rates. All courses – both undergraduate and graduate – must be entered on one form, and registration will be processed through the undergraduate school. Permission numbers must be obtained for graduate courses, along with approval from the graduate advisor.

Accelerated students are restricted in Year 4 to 15 credits/term of undergraduate and graduate credits combined (but may apply for special permission to exceed this cap). Up to 20 graduate credits will apply to the master's degree (special permission may be given for up to 24 credits). Any undergraduate courses will apply to the undergraduate degree requirements but not to the master's degree.

Students must earn the bachelor's degree at the end of Year 4.

4. Registration for graduate courses in Year 5

In Year 5, accelerated students will have graduate status and pay graduate tuition. They will take Public Health courses and will complete the master's degree at the end of Year 5.

Questions: contact PHaccelerated@pitt.edu or (412) 624-3088.