

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PLAN OF STUDY FOR MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE

Name of Student: _____

Area of Concentration: **SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND COMMUNITY HEALTH**

Name of MPH Advisor: _____

CORE COURSES¹

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>YEAR TAKEN</u>
SPH 681	Professional Practice in Public Health (<i>term 1</i>)	3		
EPI 501	Principles and Methods of Epidemiology I (<i>fall only</i>)	3		
EPI 551 ² OR EPI 552 ³	Basic Principles of Statistical Inference I (<i>spring only</i>) OR Principles of Statistical Inference I (<i>fall only</i>)	3		
BMS 505	Biological Basis of Public Health (<i>fall only</i>)	3		
EHS 590	Introduction to Environmental Health Sciences	3		
HPM 500	Health Care Organization, Delivery and Finance	3		
HPM 525	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health	3		
		21 TOTAL		

REQUIRED COURSES FOR AREA OF CONCENTRATION (Parts I and II)

Part I: ADDITIONAL ANALYTIC COURSE (choose one)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>YEAR TAKEN</u>
EPI 553	Principles of Statistical Inference II	3	_____	_____
HPM 520	Fundamentals of Research Design	3	_____	_____
HPM 647	Program Evaluation	3	_____	_____
		3 TOTAL		

Part II: PROGRAM PLANNING

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>YEAR TAKEN</u>
HPM 627	Program Development in Health Promotion	3	_____	_____
HPM 535	Community Based Public Health	3	_____	_____
		6 TOTAL		

ELECTIVES as approved by advisor⁴

(See list of suggested electives)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>YEAR TAKEN</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
		12 TOTAL		

INTERSHIPS^{5, 6} (Up to 6 credits may be waived⁷)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>YEAR TAKEN</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
			9 TOTAL		

MPH students are required to present one internship experience at the annual SPH Student Poster Day.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH POSTER DAY PRESENTATION DATE: _____

MPH students are required to complete an Integrative Learning Experience (ILE) within the context of the concentration curriculum. Details to be provided by the department of concentration.

INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (year 2 only) COMPLETION DATE: _____

TOTAL CREDITS = 51 HOURS MINIMUM, or 45 credits with a 6 credit internship waiver

List of Suggested SBCH Electives

Social Determinants of Health

HPM 619	Communication and Public Health
HPM 620	Health Disparities and Vulnerable Populations
HPM 623	Stress, Social Support Systems and Health

Specific Populations

HPM 530	Maternal and Child Health
HPM 625	Introduction to Public Health and Aging
HPM 645	International Health

Specific Health Problems

HPM 521	Preventing Death, Disease, and Disability
HPM 626	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Chronic Illness
HPM 630	Childhood Obesity from a Public Health Perspective

Other electives as appropriate based on advisement

NOTES:

¹ Transfer credit for any of these courses must be accompanied by an approved petition showing that a comparable graduate level course was completed at another institution.

² Students must take online Math assessment exam before enrolling in EPI 551.

³ Students with a strong math background who intend to take EPI 553 should take EPI 552 in place of EPI 551.

⁴ Students concentrating in SBCH must take at least 2 SBCH electives.

⁵ Must complete one year of study before completing an internship. Exceptions to this policy are reviewed on an individual basis by the faculty advisor and Director of Internships.

⁶ Internships can be completed in many different settings, e.g. NYSDOH, other state agency, CDC, county health department, NYCDOHMH, non-governmental organization, or a global site. A minimum of 6 credits of internship must be completed within the student's chosen area of concentration; the remaining 3 credits may be completed either within or outside the student's area of concentration.

⁷ An internship waiver of up to 6 credits may be granted based on public health experience gained prior to entering into the Public Health program. Waiver applications must be submitted to the Internship Waiver Review Committee **prior to the start** of the student's last semester at SPH.