

SOCIAL WORK / HEALTH SERVICE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, M.S.W. / M.P.H.

Admissions

The College of Social Work (http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/socialwork/) and the Department of Health Services Policy and Management (http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/public_health/study/areas_of_study/health_services_policy_and_management/) (HSPM) in the Arnold School of Public Health (http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/public_health/), participate in a dual degree program that allows individuals to complete both the Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health degrees in less time than if the degrees are completed separately. Students apply to the dual degree program option through the USC Graduate School (<http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/>). Application reviews, including required supplemental application materials required by the programs, and admission recommendations are made independently by the College of Social Work and by the Arnold School of Public Health. Official notification of the admission decisions comes from the Graduate School. Students enrolled in both Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health courses in any term may be subject to fees for both programs.

Students enrolled in either the social work or public health program beyond their first year of graduate study cannot apply for the dual degree program. Part-time social work students may enroll in the dual degree program. Advanced-standing social work students enrolled beyond the summer bridge term cannot apply for the dual degree program. Students in the Distance Master of Public Health (MPH) in Health Services Policy and Management are not eligible for the dual MSW/MPH program.

Degree Requirements M.S.W. (60 Hours)/ M.P.H. (45 Hours)

Students may complete the dual degree program by starting in either the Master of Social Work program or the Master of Public Health program. Each program offers a typical sequence of courses; through academic advisement with a dual degree coordinator in each program, students select specific courses to satisfy the requirements for each degree. All curriculum and hour requirements must be satisfied in order to graduate from the dual degree program. Students in the dual degree program must complete the program within six academic years. See the Social Work, MSW (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/social-work/social-work-msw/>) and the MPH student handbook for additional information.

Two (2) social work elective courses can be satisfied by successfully completing HSPM 726 and an elective HSPM management courses (6 credit hours total). One HSPM elective policy course (3 hours) may be satisfied by successfully completing SOWK 778. HSPM 788 may be satisfied by completing SOWK 784 (coordination and contract with HSPM advisor required). Thus the 60-credit hour MSW degree and 45-credit hour MPH degree can both be completed with a total of 93 credit hours.

The table below reflects the plan of study for a full-time student who begins the dual degree program in social work. Note that some of the

courses beyond the first year of MPH and SOWK studies may be adjusted due to program or accreditation changes.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
SOWK 712	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SOWK 714	Diversity and Social Justice Issues for Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 716	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SOWK 781	Field Instruction I: Generalist Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 791	Social Work Research Methodologies	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
SOWK 722	Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Small Groups	3
SOWK 732	Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	3
SOWK 742	Social Welfare Policy Analysis	3
SOWK 777	Advanced Theory for Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 782	Field Instruction II: Generalist Social Work Practice	3
Credit Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
PUBH 725	Quantitative Methods for Public Health Practice	5
PUBH 726	Qualitative Methods for Public Health Practice	3
HSPM 726	Applied Public Health Law for Administrators (shared course)	3
HSPM Management Elective course (shared course) ¹		3
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Credit Hours		17
Spring		
PUBH 735	Practical Applications of Public Health Planning	4
PUBH 730	Public Health Systems, Policy, and Leadership	3
PUBH 678	Transforming Health Care for the Future	1
HSPM 730	Financing of Health Care	3
HSPM 712	Health Economics	3
Credit Hours		14
Third Year		
Fall		
SOWK 779	Advanced Social Work Interventions	3
SOWK 783	Field Instruction III: Advanced Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 793	Evaluation of Social Work Programs	3
HSPM 768	Health Services Administration II	3
HSPM 727	Advancing Public Health Policy	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
SOWK 718	Systems Analysis of Social Work Practice	3

SOWK 778	Advanced Analysis of Social Policy, Programs, and Services (shared course)	3
SOWK 784	Field Instruction IV: Advanced Social Work Practice (shared course) ²	3
SOWK Elective course ¹		3
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HSPM 796	Health Services Policy and Management MPH Capstone Course	2
Credit Hours		17
Total Credit Hours		93

¹ Students may elect to take these courses during summer sessions in order to meet curriculum requirements upon approval of the dual degree coordinator in each program.

² SOWK 784 requires coordination and contract with the HSPM advisor to meet the applied practice experience of the MPH program.

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