

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA 2017-2018 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

Accelerated Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Public Health

Description

Undergraduate students who are seeking a career in public health can select to major in a broad range of Bachelor degree programs including engineering, business, social sciences, biological sciences, nursing, social work, pre-medicine, other allied health specialties or interdisciplinary degrees in order to be prepared for graduate work in the College. Pre-medical students seeking admission to medical school may want to consider completing a Master's degree in public health prior to application or admission to medical schools or as an alternative to clinical degrees. The College offers several programs that allow students to complete their undergraduate and Master's degrees in an accelerated format including the Undergraduate Accelerated Entry Program for Master's Degree in Public Health Education, Fast Track for Honors BMS, ISS and INS Students, and (4 + 1) Environmental and Occupational Health.

Admission and Application Process for Enrollment

Students are encouraged to apply early and applications will be accepted starting in the fall of the student's junior year. Applicants must complete the Accelerated Graduate Program Application form and submit the completed form to Graduate Admissions. The form is available at http://www.grad.usf.edu/inc/linked-files/Accelerated_Program_Application.pdf. Admission is for fall semester and applications must be received by May 1 for guaranteed consideration. Applications received after May 1 will be processed for fall admission although there is no guarantee that processing will be completed in time. Spring and summer admissions will be considered on an individual basis. Applicants are also required to complete the SOPHAS application (see <http://sophas.org/>) for application procedures. While SOPHAS is required, the USF Graduate School application does not need to be completed if the Accelerated Program Application is used.

Admission Requirements

- All applicants must take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or have taken an equivalent admissions examination within the five years preceding application and must meet the following criteria: equivalent exams include the GMAT, MCAT, DAT, or PCAT; LSAT is not accepted in lieu of the GRE; and although there are no minimum scores, the applicant's GRE score will be compared to the applicant pool and the national GRE norms.
- Good standing in the Honors program.
- Senior status.
- Two letters of recommendation from undergraduate faculty.
- One letter from the Honors advisor noting GPA of 3.2 or better.
- Desire for a public health career as documented in a one page goal statement.
- Approval by appropriate department admission committee.
- Approval by the College and Graduate School

Undergraduate (3+2) Master's Degree in Public Health Education

The Department of Community and Family Health in the College of Public Health offers an accelerated entry program that enables qualified undergraduate students to enter the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program with a concentration in Public Health Education. Applicants must have attained a grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a four-point scale. All applicants must take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or have taken an equivalent admissions examination within the five years preceding application and must meet the following criteria: equivalent exams include the GMAT, MCAT, DAT, or PCAT; LSAT is not accepted in lieu of the GRE; and although there are no minimum scores, the applicant's GRE score will be compared to the applicant pool and the national GRE norms. Applicants must have completed 90 undergraduate semester hours public health. Interested students are encouraged to contact the advisor upon completing 60 undergraduate semester hours. Contact: Annette Strzelecki (813) 974-9135; email: amanson@health.usf.edu or Kenneth Griffin 813-974-9372 email: kgriffi3@health.usf.edu.

Fast Track for Honors BMS, ISS, and INS Students

This program provides opportunities for Honor students to enroll in a Masters in Public Health program at the beginning of their senior year. Eligible seniors complete up to 20 graduate credits in public health that count toward the bachelor's degree as well as a Master of Public (MPH) or a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH). The MPH is considered a professional degree and is appropriate for student wishing to be prepared to work in a public health career. The MSPH is considered a research oriented degree.

(4 + 1) Environmental and Occupational Health

This program provides opportunities for students to enroll in a MPH or MSPH program in the College of Public Health at the beginning of their senior year. Eligible seniors complete up to 20 graduate credits in public health that count toward the bachelor's degree as well as an MPH or MSPH. Admission requirements include minimum verbal

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score of 450 and minimum quantitative score of 550 on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test, or a mean MCAT of 8, good academic standing in the undergraduate program, senior status at the start of the program, two letters of recommendation from undergraduate faculty, transcripts from all institutions of higher learning, a one-page career goal statement, approval by the Departmental Student Affairs and Admission Committee; and approval by the College and Graduate School.