

**ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE (AMD)
Program Proposal**

Chair: Tracy Christofero

GC#10: AMD

Prepare **one** paper copy with all signatures and forward to the Graduate Council Chair. Additionally, send **one** identical ELECTRONIC COPY with all supporting documentation as an e-mail attachment by to the Graduate Council Chair for electronic distribution to the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee.

Guidelines for an AMD Proposal

Accelerated Master's Degree Programs may be developed between an undergraduate and graduate program in a single department, between two programs in a single school/college or between programs in two different schools/colleges. AMD programs enrich the opportunities of the best undergraduates at Marshall University, enabling them to earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree in much less time than it would take following the traditional path. AMD students do not double count credits. They can take up to 12 graduate credits to be applied to the master's degree in place of 12 undergraduate elective credits. They will earn the undergraduate degree with up to 12 fewer credit hours, depending on how many graduate hours they take.

Rationale: The proposal should identify the rationale or need for an AMD, and, if the undergraduate and graduate programs are in different departments, clarify how they are appropriate for the AMD.

Rationale: An Accelerated Master's Degree with the BS in Health Sciences will allow Health Sciences students to take a full semester load of MPH courses in their final year and thereby save both the time and the money in getting a BS/MPH. There are several students who told Dr. Pacioles, the Director of the BS program, that they were interested in joining an accelerated MPH program. This would also be of benefit for recruitment for the MPH program.

Admission Requirements: The proposal should state whether admission requirements for the AMD differ from regular admission requirements (e.g. waive test scores).

Admission Requirements: The BS in Health Sciences student would be able to apply for the MPH program in their Junior year, but would not be fully admitted into the MPH program until after their graduation from the BS in Health Sciences. The GRE requirement would be waived for admission into the program. All other admission requirements into the MPH would remain unchanged.

AMD Credits: The proposal may allow an undergraduate student to earn a maximum of 12 credits in approved graduate courses to be applied to the master's degree. These 12 credits take the place of 12 undergraduate electives. Please note the maximum allowed credits.

AMD Credits: 12

Curriculum: The proposal should show how a student can complete the Bachelor's degree by lowering the number of undergraduate credits (up to 12) with up to 12 graduate credits that will apply to the master's degree.

Curriculum: 12 credit hours of undergraduate electives taken in the Senior year of the BS in Health Sciences will be replaced with 12 credit from the first year of the MPH program. Specifically, the MPH courses for the senior year of the BS will include:
Fall Semester of Senior Year of BS in Health Sciences:
PH 601 Introduction to Public Health (1 credit hour)/ PH 602 Public Health Biology (2 credit hours)/ PH 611 Epidemiology (3 credit hours)
Spring
PH 641 Social and Behavioral aspects of Public Health (2 credit hours)/ PH 631 Environmental Health (2 credit hours)
PH 642 Health Communication (2 credit hours) or PH 622 Statistical Methods (2 credit hours)

Student Eligibility: AMD applicants must have a minimum over-all grade point average of 3.30 and 3.30 in the major. Programs may require a higher GPA. Please note your required GPA.

Student Eligibility: 3.30

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AMD Proposal

Department:

Allowable credits:

Student eligibility requirements:

AMD Proposal Department: Public Health (MPH program) Allowable Credits: 12 Student eligibility requirements: Students need to have completed the first 2.5 years of the BS in Health Sciences in good standing with a minimum over-all grade point average of 3.30 and 3.30 in Health Sciences courses. Students can apply to the MPH program after the Fall Semester of their Junior year, but will not be admitted into the program until the semester following their undergraduate graduation.

Approvals

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Graduate Studies Director

Paul Kant 3-10-17

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Dean, Undergraduate College

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Date

Graduate Council Chair

Date

*Dr. Wart replaced as MPH director
Dr. Kadetz*

Current MPH Program

Year One

Fall

- PH 601 Introduction to Public Health
- PH 602 Public Health Biology
- PH 611 Epidemiology
- PH 621 Statistical Methods I
- PH 671 Community Health (GCH)
- PH 615 Health Systems Research (REP)

Total for semester..... 12 hrs.

Spring

- PH 641 Social Behavior Aspects of Public Health
- PH 631 Environmental Health
- PH 686 Health Informatics and Technology
- PH 693 Public Health Law and Ethics
- PH 616 Health Communications (GCH)
- PH 622 Statistical Methods II (REP)

Total for semester..... 12 hrs.

Year Two

Fall:

- PH 655 Introduction to Health Policy
- PH 661 Chronic Disease (GCH)
- PH 672 Global Health (GCH)
- PH 616 Clinical Trials (REP)
- PH 617 Methods in Applied Computer Study I
- PH 694 Practicum or PH 695 Research

Total for semester..... 11 hrs.

Spring

- PH 692 Seminar
- PH 651 Public Health Services
- PH 656 Topics in Health Policy (REP)
- PH 662 Control of Infectious Disease (GCH)
- PH 696 Capstone

Total for semester..... 9 hrs.

Total Hours Required for Graduation..... 44 hrs.

AMD Proposal with Changes highlighted (note there are no changes in actual MPH courses required. The only changes are to the timing of when these courses would be taken. The changes would allow students to complete both the BS in Health Sciences and the MPH within 5 years. Note: students either take courses in the Global and Community Health concentration or the Research, Evaluation and Policy Concentration.

12 credit hours of undergraduate electives taken in the Senior year of the BS in Health Sciences will be replaced with 12 credit from the first year of the MPH program. Specifically, the MPH courses for the senior year of the BS in Health Sciences will include:

Fall of Year 4 Health Sciences

- PH 601 Introduction to Public Health (1 credit hour)
- PH 602 Public Health Biology (2 credit hours)
- PH 611 Epidemiology (3 credit hours)

Spring of Year 4 Health Sciences

- PH 641 Social and Behavioral aspects of Public Health (2 credit hours)
- PH 631 Environmental Health (2 credit hours)
- PH 642 Health Communication (2 credit hours) or PH 622 Statistical Methods (2 credit hours)

Year One MPH (After graduation with BS in Health Sciences)

Summer

- PH 621 Statistical Methods I (3 credit hours)
- PH 693 Public Health Law and Ethics (3 credit hours)
- Total for semester..... 6 hrs.**

Year Two MPH

Fall

- PH 655 Introduction to Health Policy
- PH 661 Chronic Disease (GCH)¹ or PH 617 Methods in Applied Computer Study I (REP)²
- PH 672 Global Health (GCH) or PH 616 Clinical Trials (REP)
- PH 671 Community Health (GCH) or PH 615 Health Systems Research (REP)
- PH 694 Practicum or PH 695 Research
- Total for semester..... 14 hrs.**

Spring

- PH 692 Seminar
- PH 651 Public Health Services
- PH 686 Health Informatics and Technology
- PH 656 Topics in Health Policy (REP) or PH 662 Control of Infectious Disease (GCH)
- PH 696 Capstone
- Total for semester..... 12 hrs.**

Total Hours Required for Graduation..... 44 hrs.

1 Global and Community Health Concentration Course
 2 Research, Evaluation and Policy Concentration Course