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MSW/MPH In-Person Dual-Degree Program



Goals of the MSW/MPH In-Person Dual Degree Program

The LSU School of Social Work and LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Public Health offer a dual-degree program where students can earn both a Master of Social Work (MSW) and a Master of Public Health (MPH) in just three semesters more than it typically takes to achieve either degree individually. This concurrent program provides a unique opportunity to integrate social work and public health perspectives, preparing graduates to address complex health and social challenges in just three extra semesters. Upon successful completion, students receive two separate degrees: the MSW from the LSU School of Social Work and the MPH from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans.

The MSW/MPH program equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote health, prevent disease, and improve the delivery of evidence-based health and social services. By blending public health expertise with social work principles, graduates will be well-prepared to work in diverse, interdisciplinary settings, including healthcare systems, community organizations, and policy-making institutions. Additionally, the program provides a strong foundation for those interested in pursuing doctoral studies or leadership roles in health and social service sectors.



Student -Teacher Ratio

Be More Than Just A Number

Are you looking for a place that will know your name and not treat you like another number? That's exactly what you'll get at the LSU School of Public Health. With three students to every faculty member, you will be learning in an environment where everyone knows your name and fosters your passions.



Meet the Community Health Science and Policy Program Director

Stephen Phillippi Ph.D., LCSW

As a trained clinical social worker, I thoroughly enjoyed working with youth and families in the community for many years. Public Health studies in CHSP offers students the opportunity to take the training from their MSW program and apply it at population levels with public health skills. What I was able to do while working with one family at a time (a very important aspect of social work), I now do with populations using public health-based issue analyses, implementation science, communications, evaluation approaches, and more.

Both social work and public health have their beginnings in social justice. I truly believe as students learn the skills taught by both fields, the change we can bring to people and their communities is endless and more holistic than ever.

The Student Perspective

Aidan Morse
MSW/MPH Alumni



What was/has been the biggest challenge about deciding to go for your MSW and MPH at the same time?

One of the most challenging parts of deciding to do the dual degree program was deciding if I even wanted to do it. I was equally interested in getting an MSW and an MPH yet I also didn't want to spend three years in grad school (or pay for three years) doing the dual. After I started, the hardest part was taking accelerated MPH courses over the summer. The material was new to me and the courses were really fast-paced. The MSW portion of the degree is in Baton Rouge so during the before times I had to brave the long commute from New Orleans, which was hard to adjust initially but wasn't so bad after a while.

Challenges aside, what was the best part of focusing your studies all at once?

The best part has been being able to take a public health perspective in my social work classes and fieldwork and bringing a social work perspective to my public health courses. The two disciplines really dovetail well together, and I am glad I was able to squeeze both in because they match my interests and really expand my job prospects. I have met some great people involved in both programs so I'm thankful for the opportunities I've already had and eager to explore how both degrees will help me in the future.

What would your advice be to students who are also considering being a part of the Joint Degree Program with LSU School of Public Health?

For students who are considering doing the MSW/MPH program, I would definitely recommend applying and speaking to some faculty about it. It was the right choice for me and well worth spending one extra year in school. It's an easy thing to get analysis paralysis about but I have no regrets with doing it at all.

Admissions Information

Application Requirements:

- Acceptance by LSU School of Social Work
- MPH application form including:
 - Signed Release of Admissions Records from LSU School of Social Work
 - Resume or CV
 - Statement Stating Why You Wish to Pursue an MPH Degree

All pieces must be submitted prior to May 1st to the LSU School of Public Health

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Questions?

Additional information about the LSU School of Public Health, the curriculum for the joint degree program, faculty and staff can be found on our website at sph.lsuhs.edu. Additional information about the LSU School of Social Work, the curriculum for the joint degree program, faculty and staff can be found on their website at www.socialwork.lsu.edu.

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