

# Milken Institute School of Public Health

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

## Any BS or BA/MPH Dual Degree Program 2026-2027

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### BACKGROUND

The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) offers a unique opportunity to a select group of students who demonstrate academic excellence and a strong commitment to public health. GWSPH will accept a small number of outstanding students each year into the Any BS or BA/MPH Dual Degree program. Applicants may apply to any of the residential MPH programs after they have completed their sophomore year. GWSPH offers students the opportunity to complete both the Bachelor's and MPH degrees more efficiently than if the student completed the degrees separately. This dual degree program strives to matriculate public health leaders committed to lifelong learning and improving the health and well-being of our local, national, and international communities. It is a suitable program for pre-professional students interested in public health issues.

The Any BS or BA/MPH Dual Degree program is a multi-level, dual-degree program, which means that students are concurrently enrolled in one undergraduate program and one graduate program, and degrees will be awarded in different semesters.

### ADMISSIONS

Office of Admissions and Recruitment  
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Undergraduate students at GW with a cumulative GPA of **3.5 or higher** and good academic standing are eligible to apply to a dual degree program. Students apply to the dual degree program of their choice in the summer immediately after earning 60 credits toward their undergraduate degree (inclusive of AP/IB/Dual Enrollment and externally transferred credits), completing four full-time semesters of undergraduate education (not including semesters of college coursework taken before high school graduation), or both.

Admitted students are considered to be provisionally admitted. Admission is conditional upon on earning a B or higher in the crossover courses (see each program's tab). Students who do not obtain a B or higher in all courses will not be eligible to continue in their dual degree program.

The dual degree application is submitted [online](#) and will be activated annually during the application period after the spring semester has concluded. Applications are due in early June (check website for exact date). Incomplete or late applications will **not** be considered. Admission to the program is made on a selective and space available basis. Applications are reviewed holistically, looking at an applicant's academic strengths, commitment to the field, leadership qualities, and other attributes. The application requires the following:

1. A statement of purpose/personal statement (up to 1000 words) should explain the applicant's interest in the MPH program to which they are applying, the contribution they hope to make to the field, and how they believe GW's program will help them reach their career goals. If there is anything unusual in the applicant's transcripts or resume that the applicant wishes to explain to the admissions committee, this information should be included in the statement.
2. Recommendations completed by faculty, internship supervisors, or research supervisors. A link to the evaluation form is included in the online application. Applicants **MUST** share this link with their recommenders, who will complete and submit the form separately;
3. Resume;
4. An unofficial transcript from Banner, which must include all the spring semester grades earned immediately before applying. If the applicant is studying abroad during the spring semester, and grades in the program are not available by the application deadline, it is acceptable to include a transcript of coursework taken abroad without grades included.
5. *Optional* GRE or other standardized test scores are not required for admission. However, applicants may submit standardized test scores if they feel including this information will enhance their application.

MPH programs provisionally admit students to the Dual Degree program and while in the program, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Earn a grade of B or higher in the 12 graduate-level credits being “double-counted” toward both the student's undergraduate and MPH degrees (see section below on the 12 double-counted, or “crossover” credits);
- Maintain a B average GPA (3.0) in all other graduate coursework;
- Maintain good academic standing (i.e., cannot be placed on probation or suspended before completing their bachelor's degree; cannot be formally found responsible for violating the Code of Academic Integrity or Code of Student Conduct while completing their bachelor's degree); and
- Graduate with their bachelor's degree.

Students who do not meet these requirements will remain an undergraduate student but will not be eligible to continue in the Dual Degree program. Students may still apply to an MPH program for regular admission. However, if the student is accepted, any graduate courses the student took while in the undergraduate program will not be applied to the MPH program (students may be eligible to waive and replace MPH courses).

Students follow the MPH curriculum in effect the academic year that begins in the fall immediately following their acceptance into the Any BS or BA/MPH program (i.e., a student accepted into an MPH program in July 2026 is subject to the 2026-2027 program guide for that MPH program). They will also follow the prescribed undergraduate curriculum effective in the year they declared their major (and any minors). With the assistance of their undergraduate academic advisor and the dual degree programs academic advisor, the student is responsible for managing their undergraduate degree requirements and

the crossover graduate courses.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must comply with all policies and procedures as outlined in the University and GWSPH Bulletin and Handbooks. The following graduation requirements are detailed in the [Student Handbook](#) and the [GW Bulletin](#):

- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Minimum Course Grades
- Continuous Enrollment
- Maximum Time to Degree
- Required Minimum Degree Credits
- Transfer Credit Policy
- CITI Training
- Integrity Quiz and Plagiarism
- Professional Enhancement (PE) Hours
- Interprofessional Education (IPE) Experience
- Applied Practice Experience (Practicum)
- Culminating Experience (e.g., CE)

To earn their bachelor’s degree students must follow their specific degree requirements. This includes the completion of at least 120 credits, which may include up to 12 graduate-level credits also applied to the MPH degree (i.e., “crossover credits” or “double-counted” credits); students must earn 45 total graduate credits for the MPH degree, whether or not the student completes any of those credits while enrolled in the bachelor’s program.

## DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM COURSES

As part of the dual degree program, students may take up to 12 graduate credits selected from the table below in consultation with the dual degree program advisor, undergraduate advisor, and MPH faculty advisor. These “crossover courses” will be double-counted toward the undergraduate degree and as required courses toward the MPH degree.

Students are encouraged to take the below courses as part of their dual degree program

MPH Course	Waived Undergraduate Course	Who Should Take?
PUBH 6002 Biostatistical Applications for Public Health (3 credits)	PUBH 2142 Introduction to Biostatistics for Public Health (3 credits) or other advisor-approved course	Any student in the dual degree <i>except</i> Biostatistics
PUBH 6003 Principles & Practices of Epidemiology (3 credits)	PUBH 3131 Epidemiology (3 credits) or other advisor-approved course	Any student in the dual degree
PUBH 6007 Social & Behavioral Approaches to Public Health (2 credits) <i>And</i> PUBH 6021 Essentials of Public Health Practice & Leadership 1 (1 credit)	PUBH 2112 Principles of Health Education & Health Promotion (3 credits) or other advisor-approved course (particularly if only one of the two courses is taken)	Any student in the dual degree
PUBH 6011 Principles of Environmental Health Sciences (3 credits)	PUBH 3132 Health & Environment (3 credits) or other advisor-approved course	Any student in the dual degree

PUBH 6012 Fundamentals of Health Policy (2 credits)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Any student in the dual degree
PUBH 6022 Essentials of Public Health Practice & Leadership 2 (1 credit)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Any student in the dual degree
PUBH 6400 Global Health Frameworks (2 credits)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Students in the MPH in Global Environmental Health; Global Health Epidemiology & Disease Control; Global Health Policy & Systems; and Global Health Program Design, Monitoring & Evaluation programs
PUBH 6503 Introduction to Public Health Communication & Marketing (3 credits)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Students in the MPH in Public Health Communication & Marketing program
PUBH 6510 Community Health Principles & Practices (3 credits)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Students in the MPH in Community Health & Prevention Science program
PUBH 6550 Maternal & Child Health 1 (3 credits)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Students in the MPH in Maternal & Child Health program
PUBH 6850 Introduction to SAS for Public Health Research (1 credit)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Students in the MPH in Biostatistics program
PUBH 6851 Introduction to R for Public Health Research (1 credit)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Students in the MPH in Biostatistics program
PUBH 6852 Introduction to Python for Public Health Research (1 credit)	Elective or other advisor-approved course	Students in the MPH in Biostatistics program

### WAIVE AND REPLACE / COURSE SUBSTITUTION POLICIES

If dual degree students have already taken one or more of the undergraduate courses listed below, they may be eligible for waive and replace or course substitution. If a student takes:

- **PUBH 2112** Principles of Health Education & Health Promotion, they will also need to take PUBH 6007 at some point during their MPH program, but cannot earn undergraduate credit for it.
- **PUBH 3132** Health & Environment, they will also need to take PUBH 6011 at some point during their MPH program, but cannot earn undergraduate credit for it.
- **PUBH 3135W** Health Policy and receive an A- or better in it, they may waive PUBH 6012 and replace it with two credits of graduate electives approved by their MPH faculty advisor.
- **PUBH 3131** Epidemiology and receive a B or better in it, they may waive PUBH 6003 and replace it with three credits of graduate electives approved by their MPH faculty advisor.
- **PUBH 2142** Introduction to Biostatistics for Public Health and receive an A- or better in it, they may waive PUBH 6002 and replace it with three credits of graduate electives approved by their MPH faculty advisor.

Students should refer to the relevant [MPH Program Guide](#) for program-specific curricular requirements. Students are responsible for reviewing and understanding the policies and requirements outlined in the [GWSPH Student Handbooks](#) and [University Bulletin](#).