

# MSSW

# MPH

## Dual Degree Program in Social Work and Public Health

- THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
- THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*The dual degree program provides an avenue for students to concurrently enroll in both degree programs so that duplication in course content is minimized, academic interaction is more efficient, and the time and costs incurred are reduced compared to earning the degrees independently.*



The Master of Social Work/Master of Public Health (MSSW/MPH) dual degree is a collaborative program between The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work and The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH). This program was developed to respond to the need for a greater integration of the knowledge and skills shared by social work and public health professionals.

### Curriculum for MSSW/MPH

The curriculum shown in the table below is a general plan for the MSSW/MPH. By taking a specified number of approved courses in both programs, it is possible for students to complete both degrees in two to three years while customizing the program to meet their interests and educational goals. Students are guided by a Student Advisory Committee comprised of faculty from both participating school programs.

#### UTA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

##### Concentrations:

- Direct Practice or
- Community and Administrative Practice

Courses taken in each of the following areas with many options available:

- Practice
- Policy
- Research
- Human Behavior and Social Environment
- Field Internship

Students accepted into the two-year MSSW program (61 credit hours) and students accepted into the MSSW advanced standing program (38 credit hours) are eligible for the MSSW/MPH dual degree program.

MSSW program: up to 12 UTSPH credit hours may be taken.

Advanced standing MSSW program: up to 9 UTSPH credit hours may be taken.

Internship\*

Thesis\*

Electives (up to 9 credit hours shared)\*\*

**Total: 64 credit hours\*\*\***

#### UT SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

##### Courses in each of five core areas of public health:

- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences
- Public Health Policy/Management

Public Health Practicum Experience\*

Culminating Experience\*

Electives (up to 9 credit hours shared)\*\*

**Total: 45 credit hours\*\*\***

\* The practicum/internship and culminating experience/thesis will focus on a topic relevant to both public health and social work.

\*\* Up to 9 credit hours of SSW courses (as listed) may count as electives toward the MPH degree, and up to 9 credit hours of PH courses (as listed) may be counted as electives/selectives toward the MSSW degree.

\*\*\* The integrated program requires a total of 88 semester credit hours in order to earn both degrees compared to 105 credit hours to earn the degrees separately.

## The **MSSW/MPH** Degree Program

The MSSW and MPH degree programs are independently accredited through the respective accreditation bodies and are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The integrated dual degree program satisfies the requirements of both the MSSW and MPH degree programs.



*The University of Texas at Arlington*



*The University of Texas  
School of Public Health  
Dallas Regional Campus*

### Application, Admission and Enrollment

Students seeking admission to the MSSW/MPH program must meet the application requirements of each University, apply and be admitted to both degree programs before being considered for acceptance into the dual degree program by the MSSW/MPH Coordinating Committee. *Please note: admission to one program does not ensure admission to the other.*

Students are responsible for tuition and fee payments for courses taken in both schools and upon successful completion of the degree requirements will receive a diploma from each university. Current MSSW or MPH students may decide to add the dual degree option to their educational plan and receive credit for courses. MPH students must declare their intent to enter the program by the completion of their second semester. MSSW students must declare their intent to enter the program by the completion of the foundation year (two-year students) or completion of nine credit hours (advanced standing students) and as long as they are in the first half of their initial program.

#### Application deadlines for MSSW Program:

June 1st (for Fall admission), April 1st (for Summer admission), October 15 (for Spring admission)

#### Application deadlines for MPH:

February 1 (for Fall admission), August 1 (for Spring admission)

#### Application forms and directions may be obtained from:

UTA-SSW: Email: [sswadmissions@uta.edu](mailto:sswadmissions@uta.edu). Please include "MSSW Admissions Packet Request" in the subject line; and include your name, address, daytime phone number, cell phone number and email address. Apply online at <http://www.applytexas.org> using the Texas common application for graduate schools.

UTSPH: <http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/>

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