BS MPH Degree Program

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BROWNSVILLE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Combining the traditional academic background of a liberal arts education at The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) with a master’s level professional degree at The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH), students will earn a traditional four-year undergraduate degree and have the opportunity to continue for one additional year earning a Master of Public Health (MPH).

Public health is the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organized community efforts. The overarching goal is to improve the health of the individual and population at large. BS/MPH graduates will be prepared to enter many public health careers, such as: health educator, disaster preparedness specialist, safety and health inspector, environmental health expert, risk assessor, epidemiologist or policy analyst just to name a few. MPH graduates work in both the public and private sectors and some continue on to doctoral level programs in public health or other professional areas, such as medicine, dentistry or pharmacy.

Through a program design allowing students to complete a defined program of graduate-level coursework during the last year of undergraduate studies, students in the BS/MPH Program will be able to earn a Bachelor’s degree in Art or Science in one of four majors and earn a Master’s in Public Health within five total years, rather than the six years it would take separately.

ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

By allowing the substitution of approved MPH courses into the existing “support area and/or elective” course requirements of the eligible undergraduate degrees, students will simultaneously complete degree requirements of both programs.

Students from the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Education and the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology who are enrolled in or will pursue a baccalaureate degree in Biology, Psychology, Exercise Science, Mathematics or Kinesiology are eligible for the BS/MPH Program.

Requirements are:

good academic standing and a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or above

Those eligible can apply to the BS/MPH Program during the second semester of the Junior year.

Once accepted and enrolled into the BS/MPH Program, students maintain a classification as an undergraduate student at UTB while being simultaneously enrolled at UTSPH as a Certificate Student during the last three semesters of undergraduate study.

Upon successful completion of the five graduate-level MPH courses, students are awarded a Certificate of Public Health.
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Typical Timeline of Completion

• UTB students will complete the first three years of the undergraduate degree meeting all program requirements.
• During the second semester of the junior year, qualified students will declare an intention to pursue the BS/MPH.
• Students who choose to pursue the BS/MPH program must meet the annual March 1st application deadline for admission to UTSPH during the student’s junior year.
• During the summer between the junior and senior years, program students will enroll in the first required graduate course.

• During the senior year, students will enroll in two graduate courses in both the fall and spring semesters.
• Upon completion of the undergraduate degree, students will have earned a Graduate Certificate in Public Health.
• Students accepted into the program will begin classes in the summer immediately following graduation from UTB and should be able to complete the degree requirements within one calendar year.

How to Apply

Visit sph.uth.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/ for detailed information or applying to the MPH program.

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