

# SOCIAL WORK AND PUBLIC HEALTH (M.S.W./M.P.H JOINT DEGREE)

The Wayne State University (WSU) School of Social Work (SSW) and the School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences (DFMPHS) offer a Joint Master of Social Work (MSW) and Master of Public Health (MPH) degree.

The MSW/MPH joint degree provides students with a deeper understanding of complex determinants of health and the scientific methods necessary to operate in an interprofessional environment. The scientific basis for interprofessional practice requires a firm foundation in human behavior and development, culturally competent communication, organizational and social systems, and the core public health sciences, epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health. The MSW/MPH degree will strengthen and deepen these skills and equip students to qualify for employment across both disciplines. In order to meet the demand for public health social worker practitioners, the MSW/MPH joint degree program fulfills the need for these professional qualifications.

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (<https://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission/>). Admission criteria for the MSW/MPH Joint Degree will meet the requirements of both MSW and MPH Degrees that can be found on the program website (<https://socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate/mswmpmh>).

Students enrolled in the MSW/MPH Joint Degree Program will fulfill both the MSW program requirements and the MPH degree program requirements with a minimum of 82 credits. A total of 20 credits may be double-counted toward both degrees. The MSW credit hour requirements are dependent upon the concentration chosen and whether the student possesses a bachelor's degree in Social Work (i.e. is an Advanced Standing student). The School of Social Work offers two advanced year concentrations – Interpersonal Practice (IP) and Community Engagement and Social Action (CESA).

**Graduation** requirements for the MSW/MPH Joint Degree are consistent with the MSW and MPH Degrees and will:

1. Require completion of all required courses for both the MSW and MPH degree, for a minimum total of 82 credit hours within a 6 year period. A total of 20 credits may be double-counted.
2. Require students to maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the entire program. A minimum of a B grade in all required courses in both the MSW and MPH program will also be required. Students obtaining less than a B grade in any core or required course will be allowed to retake it only once.

## MSW Program Courses

### Foundation (Core) Curriculum

The foundation (core) curriculum provides a knowledge base for later study of advanced practice in the concentration. The core curriculum has content in the five major curricular areas: social work practice, human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy and services, research, and field education. The core curriculum stresses fundamentals and knowledge of social work practice as they relate to individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities. In field education, theory is translated into practice and includes micro, mezzo and macro practice experiences.

Code	Title	Credits
SW 7040	Methods of Social Work Practice	3
SW 7055	Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SW 7065	Generalist Macro Theory and Practice	3
SW 7560	Lifespan Development in the Social Context	3
SW 7680	Human Rights, Social Justice, and Diversity in an Urban Context	3
SW 7720	Social Policy and Advocacy	3
SW 7820	Evidence for Social Work Practice	3
SW 7998	Practicum Work for Social Workers I	8
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>29</b>

### Advanced MSW Curriculum

The advanced curriculum builds on the knowledge, values, and skills gained in the foundation (core) curriculum, with the objective of increasing the student's competence for dealing with greater complexities of social work practice by focusing on areas of social concern. This advanced portion of the M.S.W. program is designed to provide specific advanced knowledge and practice skills. Students choose one of two concentrations in the advanced year.

Students must meet the requirements for a concentration:

1. satisfactory completion of specific concentration courses in HBSE/ Practice Methods;
2. satisfactory completion of a field education placement in the concentration for each of the semesters of the advanced curriculum.

#### OPTION I: Interpersonal Practice (IP):

This concentration offers students a particular theoretical orientation and clinical method from among four theory "tracks": Family Systems, Cognitive-Behavioral, Client Centered and Psychodynamic. Each track has a corresponding integrative practice methods and human behavior course incorporating content on clinical method and technique, developmental issues, and psychosocial pathology, and each is offered over two consecutive terms. Students select field placements in areas of their special interest: among these choices: families at risk, child welfare, substance abuse services, schools, mental health, health care, and gerontology. Elective credits can be taken to meet the required MPH courses and are able to be double-counted.

Code	Title	Credits
SW 7160	DSM in Clinical Social Work Practice	3
SW 8305	Assessment for Interpersonal Social Work Practice	3
SW 8315	Integrative Theories and Practice Approaches for Interpersonal Social Work Practice	3
SW 8325	Cognitive Behavioral Interventions in Social Work Practice	3
or SW 8335	Client-Centered Interventions in Social Work Practice	
or SW 8345	Psychodynamic Interventions in Social Work Practice	
or SW 8355	Family Interventions in Social Work Practice	
SW 8770	Advanced Policy Analysis	3
or SW 8771	Advanced Policy Analysis in Aging	
or SW 8772	Advanced Policy Analysis in Child and Family Wellbeing	
or SW 8773	Advanced Policy Analysis in Mental Health and Substance Use	
SW 8998	Practicum Work for Social Workers II	8
Additional Electives		8-13
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31-36</b>

## OPTION II: Community Engagement and Social Action:

The Community Engagement and Social Action (CESA) concentration focuses on developing and sustaining effective communities, developing and sustaining effective policies, and developing and sustaining effective organizations through leadership. Students may choose from a range of CESA electives or electives from the Interpersonal Practice curriculum or from social work focus areas that will extend and enhance their knowledge and skills in specific areas.

CESA students will deepen their understanding of settings where this practice can take place through practicum placements which relate to urban social planning, community development, policy analysis and advocacy, program development and system coordination.

A full range of elective credits are taken to meet the required MPH courses and are able to be double-counted.

Code	Title	Credits
SW 7840	Community and Organizational Measures	3
SW 8075	Theories and Practice of Community Building and Development	3
SW 8065	Leadership for Organizational and Systems Change: Advanced Theories and Practice	3
SW 8048	Social Action Research and Evaluation	3
SW 8046	Community Data Analysis, Interpretation, and Presentation	3
SW 8770	Advanced Policy Analysis	3
or SW 8771	Advanced Policy Analysis in Aging	
or SW 8772	Advanced Policy Analysis in Child and Family Wellbeing	
or SW 8773	Advanced Policy Analysis in Mental Health and Substance Use	
SW 8998	Practicum Work for Social Workers II	8
Additional Electives		5-10
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31-36</b>

## MPH Program Courses

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Foundation Courses</b>		
FPH 7011	Foundations of Public Health	3
FPH 7012	Social Justice in Public Health	3
FPH 7015	Biostatistics I	3
FPH 7100	Health Care Organization and Administration	3
FPH 7210	Research Methods for Public Health Professionals	3
FPH 7240	Epidemiology	3
FPH 7300	Public Health Policy	3
FPH 8991	Integrated Learning Experience	3
<b>Applied Learning Course</b>		
FPH 7440	Applied Practice Experience	3
<b>MPH-PHP Concentration Courses</b>		
FPH 7230	Health Program Evaluation	3
FPH 7430	Application of Public Health Principles	3
FPH 7510	Leadership and Population Health	2
FPH 7511	Health Promotion Messaging and Advocacy	3
Electives		4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>42</b>