

Public Health, BS

Combined Programs

BS/Graduate Degree

Combined undergraduate to graduate programs provide an opportunity for students to earn both their BS and a master's degree in five years by beginning to earn graduate credit during their fourth year of undergraduate study.

Students in the combined programs must complete all requirements for each degree. Students apply for admission to the combined program during their third year as undergraduates and enter the program at the beginning of their fourth year.

Applicants also must apply for admission to the master's degree program and must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website. For more information, visit Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) on the College of Public Health website.

Public health majors intending to pursue the U2G combined degree program in public health must complete 120 s.h. Up to 15 s.h. may be earned in graduate credit by the end of a student's fourth year.

Public health majors must complete all of the following requirements in addition to the 15 s.h. of graduate coursework.

Public Health Major Degree Requirements

- Public health core courses;
- BS coursework;
- public health elective coursework;
- experiential learning requirement; and
- General Education Requirement courses.

General Electives

University of Iowa (nonmajor) coursework to total 120 s.h. by end of the fourth year; this could include up to 15 s.h. of graduate credit in public health coursework taken as an undergraduate student.

Graduate courses taken during the fourth year do not count toward major requirements (including public health electives) for the undergraduate public health major. However, these semester hours may count as general elective credits needed to complete the 120 s.h. required for a bachelor's degree.