BA or BS/MPH Accelerated Program

Information Sheet

In partnership with Rutgers University–New Brunswick, the Rutgers School of Public Health offers highly-qualified undergraduate students the opportunity to begin graduate study during their undergraduate years, thereby accelerating the Master of Public Health degree by requiring approximately 3-5 additional semesters beyond the Bachelor’s degree. This is not a concurrent degree program. Students earn their Bachelor’s degree first and then the MPH.

LOCATION
New Brunswick

WHO’S ELIGIBLE
The Bachelor/Master of Public Health Program is open to all undergraduate majors attending Rutgers University–New Brunswick.

WHEN TO APPLY
Interested undergraduates must be approved by their undergraduate school before applying. Once approved, they must apply to the School of Public Health between successful completion of 60 credits and before completion of 105 credits. (If you have taken more than 105 credits, please contact Mr. Kamal Kornegay, contact information is below.) Students will not be formally accepted into the BA/MPH or BS/MPH Program before they have completed 60 credits.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Successful applicants must have demonstrated both a mature attitude and superior academic achievement. They must be recommended to the program by their major advisor or college dean. Application requirements include:

• A recommended overall GPA of 3.2 at the time of application;
• A grade of B+ or better in a college level algebra course;
• Completed a School of Public Health Application for Bachelor's/Master’s Degree Program;
• One letter of recommendation from the Undergraduate Program Director;
• One letter of recommendation from an undergraduate faculty member;
• Essay/statement of goals; and
• Official transcripts indicating all prior undergraduate course work.

The GRE requirement is waived for students meeting the above admissions criteria. Faculty or college dean letters of recommendation should include a brief description of the student’s interests, track record, and statement of maturity.
MPH CURRICULUM
The MPH degree program requires 45 credit hours, comprising 18 credits of core courses, 15-18 credits of required concentration courses, 6-9 credits of electives, 3 credits of Practicum Capstone, an Applied Practice Experience (0 credits) and an Inter-professional Education Experience (0 credits). The Bachelors/Master of Public Health Program allows accepted BA/MPH or BS/MPH students to take up to 18 graduate credits of MPH courses at the Rutgers School of Public Health. These graduate credits MAY apply to both the undergraduate degree and the MPH degree, giving students advanced standing in the School of Public Health once students matriculate at the School of Public Health. Please note that the graduate credits earned as an undergraduate through the BA/MPH or BS/MPH degree program at the Rutgers School of Public Health cannot be transferred to other graduate programs. Visit the MPH degree webpage or each concentration's webpage for more information about the MPH curriculum.

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Program Contact at the School of Arts and Sciences (for non-public health majors):  
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Program Contacts at other Rutgers University–New Brunswick Schools:
Please contact Mr. Kamal Kornegay (contact information is above)

INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Bloustein School hosts information sessions twice a year (fall and spring) for students interested (with 60 or more credits) in learning more about the accelerated program. Interested students are expected to attend one of the sessions. Due to the high volume of students who inquire about the program, we can no longer meet with students individually.

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, you may reach out via email to one of the program contacts with any questions you may have that are not addressed here.

PROCESS

Students will attend an information session and their eligibility for the program will be reviewed. If a student is eligible for the program, they will meet with Dr. Marci Berger (EJB, SEBS students and all declared public health majors) or Dean Adrian Bruning (SAS non-public health majors). Either will review your academic record, career goals, and readiness for graduate study and decide if they will write a letter of recommendation. If the student receives a letter of recommendation, then they will continue with the application process. Please note: Dr. Berger and Dean Bruning are not required to write a letter of recommendation for students that do not meet the eligibility criteria for the program or for students they deem unprepared.

After being admitted to the program, public health students should send their acceptance letter to Ms. Torian and meet with their undergraduate academic advisor to determine their remaining requirements for the bachelor’s degree, as well as, when and how many graduate courses they can take during their remaining semesters as an undergraduate student. Then the student will meet with the Director of Student Services, Mr. Michael Vega, to decide which graduate courses will work with their schedule. The cross-registration form will need to be prepared with Mr. Vega and signed by Ms. Torian or Dean Bruning and then returned to Mr. Vega. The student will be issued special permission numbers by the School of Public Health for approved courses. Students will register via webreg.rutgers.edu.
At the end of term, the graduate faculty member will submit roster grades to the Registrar. The graduate credits will count towards both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

For more information, please contact the appropriate program contact listed above.