

**University of Pittsburgh**  
**School of Social Work and Graduate School of Public Health**  
**Joint Degree Program – MSW/MPH**  
***Direct Practice***  
***Curriculum Design—Course Outline***

**51 credits are required by the School of Social Work**

**Social Work Core Courses:**

SWGEN 2034 Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations 3crs(Fall only)(Required)  
SWGEN 2098 Generalist Foundations SW Practice 3 crs. (Fall & Summer) (Required)  
SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior in the Social Environment 3 crs. (Fall only) (Required)  
SWRES 2021 Foundation of Social Work Research 3 crs. (Spring only) (Required)  
SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare 3 crs. (Fall and Spring) (Required)  
SWGEN 2099 Foundation Field Work 6 crs. (Required)

**Required Direct Practice Courses**

SWINT 2082 Models of Intervention 3 crs. (Fall & Spring) (Required)

**One of the three Advanced Direct Practice Courses**

SWINT 2031 Advanced Direct Practice—Cognitive/Behavioral 3 crs. (Fall, Spring & Summer)  
SWINT 2032 Advanced Direct Practice—Social Systems 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)  
SWINT 2033 Advanced Direct Practice—Psychodynamic 3 crs. (Fall only)

**Second-Level HBSE Courses – Direct Practice - Choose 1 from the following courses**

SWBEH 2062 HB: Children & Families at Risk 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)  
SWBEH 2065 HB: Mental Health 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)  
SWBEH 2066 HB: Health/Mental Health 3 crs. (Spring only) *(The content of this course overlaps with BCHS 2520 Theories course in public health. Therefore, you may wish to take a different second level HBSE course.)*  
SWBEH 2077 HB: Adult Development & Aging 3 crs. (Spring only)

**Second-Level Policy Courses – Direct Practice - Choose 1 from the following courses**

SWWEL 2039 Social Policy & Gerontology 3 crs. (Spring only)  
SWWEL 2056 Health & Public Policy 3 crs. (Fall only)  
SWWEL 2057 Mental Health & Public Policy 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)  
SWWEL 2059 Child & Family Policy 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)

**Second-Level Research Course – Direct Practice - Choose 3 credits from the following courses**

Joint degree students should choose 3 credits from the following public health research courses to satisfy the Second-Level Research Course.

BCHS 2526 Health Equity Research Methods & Interventions **3 crs.**  
BCHS 2541 Research Methods on Aging **2 crs.**  
BCHS 2558 Health Program Evaluation **3 crs.**  
BCHS 2608 Introduction to Community Based Participatory Research **1 cr.**  
BCHS 2609 Translating Research for Policy **1 cr.**  
BCHS 2610 Concept Mapping: A Participatory Research Method **1 crs.**  
BCHS 2990 Social Dynamics in Public Health (EPIDEM 2110 is a prerequisite) **1 crs.**  
BCHS 2999 Modeling Collective Behavior **3 crs.**  
BCHS 3002 Health Survey Methods **3 crs.**  
BCHS 3007 Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods **3 crs.**  
BCHS 3015 Mapping and Spatial Analysis **3 crs.**  
BCHS 3503 Prevention Science: Translating Knowledge to Practice **3 crs.**

**Direct Practice Skill Electives - Choose 2 from the following courses (or certificate approved list)**

SWINT	2004	Grief and Loss (Fall, Spring, & Summer)
SWINT	2007	Intro to Psychopharmacology in SW Practice (Fall & Spring)
SWINT	2011	Social Work Practice w/Families (Spring, maybe Summer)
SWINT	2018	Clinical Skills Psychopathology (Fall & Spring)
SWINT	2025	Social Work Practice in Integrated Health Care (Fall only)
SWINT	2030	Direct Practice w/Elderly (Fall only)
SWINT	2035	Intimate Partner Violence (Fall, maybe Spring)
SWINT	2042	Social Work in Drug & Alcohol Abuse (Fall, Spring & Summer)
SWINT	2046	Planned Short Term Treatment (Fall, Spring, maybe Summer)
SWINT	2049	Direct Practice w/Children (Fall only)
SWINT	2050	Couples Therapy: Theory & Techniques (Spring, maybe Summer)
SWINT	2053	Social Work Practice with Groups (Maybe Fall, Spring)
SWINT	2058	Social Work in Educational Settings (Spring only)
SWINT	2063	Child Maltreatment (Fall only)
SWINT	2076	Human Sexuality (Fall, Summer)
SWINT	2096	Clinical SW w/African-American Families (Spring, alternate years)
SWINT	2073	Integrated Healthcare in Pharmacology (Spring only)

In addition, 12 concentration practice field work credits.

**36 credits officially required in the Graduate School of Public Health  
Graduate School of Public Health Core Courses – All required**

BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis 3 crs. (Any term)

BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics 3 crs. (Spring)

EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease 3 crs. (Spring)

EPID 2110 Principles of Epidemiology 3 crs. (Fall & Summer)

HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)

PUBHLT 2015 Biology 2 crs. (Fall & Summer)

PUBHLT 2016 Capstone 2 crs. (Fall, Spring, & Summer) Permission number needed

*PUBHLT Two Additional Credits (\*See Options)*

**BCHS Program Core – All required**

BCHS 2504 Health Communication 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)

BCHS 2520 Theories 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)

BCHS 2523 Public Health Program Planning and Proposal Writing (3) (Fall & Spring)

BCHS 2554 Intro to Community Health 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)

Second-Level Research Course/s (3)

\*MSW/MPH Joint Degree students are required to take two credits in the Graduate School of Public Health. The three areas for these credits are a practicum, independent study, or course work.

The two credits can be satisfied in one of the three areas above in several different options-- 2 credit practicum; 2 credit independent study; or 2 one-credit courses, one 2-credit course. They can also be utilized as-- 1 credit practicum + 1 credit independent study; 1 credit practicum + 1 credit course; or 1 credit independent study + 1 credit course. Please discuss these options with your Advisor.

***Evans Fellows with a concentration in Direct Practice may utilize two (2) credits as a practicum to fulfill the Evans Fellowship Leadership Field Placement requirement.***

**Note:** Students register for two years (two fall and spring semesters) through the School of Social Work and one year (one fall and spring semester) through the Graduate School of Public Health. You are eligible for funding through the School of Social Work for a maximum of 2 years (these are the two years you register through that school). You must be registered for **at least 9 credits** in the School of Social Work during the two years you register in that school to be eligible for funding from the School of Social Work. **You must have both school advisors approve your course schedule each term. Your advisor in the School of Social Work will lift your “hold” to register each term.**

**Each course plan schedule will change depending on the needs of the student.** The following are suggested schedules for non-advanced standing students, pages 3 and 4; and advance standing students, pages 5 and 6.

**Suggested Scheduling: A**

**Year 1 – Fall**

Primary Program -Social Work (9-15)

**Year 1 – Spring**

SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (Fall only)	SWRES 2021 Foundation of Social Work Research (3) (Spring only)
SWGENT 2034 Foundations of SW Practice with Diverse Populations (3) (Fall only)	BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (3) (Spring)
SWGENT 2098 Generalist Foundations SW Practice (3) (Fall and Summer)	HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health (3) (Fall & Spring)
SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare (3) (Fall and Spring)	SWGENT 2099 Foundation Field Work (3)
SWGENT 2099 Foundation Field Work (3)	Second level HBSE Course - SWBEH 2062 Children & Families at Risk (3), SWBEH 2065 MH (3), SWBEH 2066 Health/Mental Health (3) (Note: 2066 is VERY similar to BCHS 2520, you may want to select some other HBSE second level course), or SWBEH 2077 Adult Development and Aging (3)

15 credits

15 credits

**Year 2 – Fall**

Primary Program – Social Work (9)

**Year 2 – Spring**

SWINT 2082 Models of Intervention (3) (Fall and Spring)	EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease (3) (Spring)
SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6)	SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6)
BCHS 2554 Introduction to Community Health (3) (Fall & Spring)	BCHS 2523 Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation(Fall and Spring) (3)
EPIDEM 2110 Principles of Epidemiology (3) (Fall & Summer) (Note: Some students do not mind taking statistics and epi together and some find it to be too demanding. Taking epi in the summer of your FIRST year and biology in this semester is another option.) (Fall and Spring)	SWINT Advanced Direct Practice Course - 2031 CBT (3), 2032 Social Systems (3) (Note: Students may want to shuffle courses so as to be able to take this during a later semester.)

15 credits

15 credits

**Year 3 – Fall**

Primary Program -Public Health

**Year 3 – Spring**

SW Skill Elective #1 (3)	BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis (3)
BCHS 2520 Theories (3) (Fall & Spring)	
PUBHLT 2015 Biology (2) (Fall & Summer)	BCHS 2504 Health Communication (3) (Fall & Spring)
SWWEL 2056 Health & Public Policy (3) (Fall only), 2057 MH & Public Policy (3) (Fall & Spring), or 2059 Child & Family Policy (3) (Fall & Spring) Note: Social Policy and Gerontology (3) also fulfills the Second-Level Policy Course requirement in Social Work but is offered in the Spring only.	Three credits from several BCHS research courses to satisfy the 2 <sup>nd</sup> level research course in the MSW program. You may need to switch this to the Fall semester depending on which BCHS research course you decide to take. (3)
PUBHLT (1 additional credit as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *) (1)	SWINT Skill Elective #2 (3)
PUBHLT (1 additional credit as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health. <b>For Evans Fellows:</b> 2 additional credit as a practicum, for Evans Summer Field Placement during the Summer Term*)	PUBHLT 2016 Capstone (2) (Fall, Spring & Summer)

13 credits

14 credits

### Suggested Scheduling: B

<b>Year 1 – Fall</b>	Primary Program -Social Work (9-15)	<b>Year 1 – Spring</b>
SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (Fall only)		SWRES 2021 Foundation of Social Work Research (3) (Spring only)
SWGEM 2034 Foundations of SW Practice with Diverse Populations (3) (Fall only)		Second level HBSE Course - SWBEH 2062 Children & Families at Risk (3), SWBEH 2065 MH (3), SWBEH 2066 Health/Mental Health (3) (Note: 2066 is VERY similar to BCHS 2520, you may want to select some other HBSE second level course), or SWBEH 2077 Adult Development and Aging (3)
SWGEM 2098 Generalist Foundations SW Practice (3) (Fall and Summer)		BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (3) (Spring)
SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare (3) (Fall and Spring)		HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health (3) (Fall & Spring)
SWGEM 2099 Foundation Field Work (3)		SWGEM 2099 Foundation Field Work (3)
15 credits		15 credits

<b>Year 2 – Fall</b>	Primary Program –Public Health	<b>Year 2 – Spring</b>
SWINT 2082 Models of Intervention (3) (Fall and Spring)		EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease (3) (Spring)
PUBHLT 2015 Biology (2) (Fall & Summer)		BCHS 2520 Theories (3) (Fall & Spring)
SWWEL 2056 Health & Public Policy (3) (Fall only), 2057 MH & Public Policy (3) (Fall & Spring), or 2059 Child & Family Policy (3) (Fall & Spring) Note: Social Policy and Gerontology (3) also fulfills the Second-Level Policy Course requirement in Social Work but is offered in the Spring only.		SWINT Advanced Direct Practice Course - 2031 CBT (3), 2032 Social Systems (3) or 2033 Psychodynamic (3) (Note: Students may want to shuffle courses so as to be able to take this during a later semester.)
BCHS 2554 Introduction to Community Health (3) (Fall & Spring)		BCHS 2523 Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation (3) (Fall and Spring)
EPIDEM 2110 Principles of Epidemiology (3) (Fall & Summer) (Note: Some students do not mind taking statistics and epi together and some find it to be too demanding. Taking epi in the summer of your FIRST year and biology in this semester is another option.)		Three credits from several BCHS research courses to satisfy the 2 <sup>nd</sup> level research course in the MSW program. You may need to switch this to the Fall semester depending on which BCHS research course you decide to take. (3)
PUBHLT (1 or 2 additional credit (s) as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health. Evans Fellows may use 2 credits *) (1)		
15 credits		15 credits

<b>Year 3 – Fall</b>	Primary Program -Social Work(9)	<b>Year 3 – Spring</b>
SW Skill Elective #1 (3)		
BCHS 2504 Health Communication (3) (Fall & Spring)		SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6)
SWINT 2099 Concentration Practice Field Work (6)		BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis (3)
PUBHLT (1 or 2 additional credit(s) as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *) (1)		SWINT Skill Elective #2 (3)
PUBHLT 2016 Capstone (2) (Fall, Spring & Summer)		
15 credits		12 credits

**Suggested Scheduling for Advanced Standing, Direct Practice, MSW/MPH Evans Fellows (Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms)**

Those granted advanced standing (AD) during the admission process can receive academic credits for Foundation Courses. The number of advanced standing credits granted depends on the comparability of the student's undergraduate courses to this Program's Foundation Courses and on the grades obtained in those undergraduate courses (i.e., must be a "B" grade or higher) Foundation Courses :

SWRES 2021 Foundations of Social Work Research 3 crs.(AD)

SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare 3 crs.(AD)

SWGEN 2034 Foundations of S.W. Practice with Diverse Populations 3 crs. (Exempt)

SWGEN 2098 Generalist Foundations of Social Work Practice 3 crs. (AD)

SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior and the Social Environment 3 crs. .(AD)

SWGEN 2099 Foundation Field Education 6 crs. (AD)

**Year 1 – Fall**

**Primary Program -Social Work(9)**

**Year 1 – Spring**

**Year 1 –Summer**

(or Year 3-Fall Term with 9 Social Work credits)

SWINT 2082 Models of Intervention (3) (Fall and Spring)	SWINT Skill Elective #1 (3)	SWINT Advanced Direct Practice: CBT (2031) (3)
BCHS 2554 Introduction to Community Health (3) (Fall & Spring)		SWINT Skill Elective #2 (3)
PUBHLT. <b>For Evans Fellows:</b> 1 additional credit as a practicum, for Evans Summer Field Placement during the Summer Term may be placed in the first semester of the first term*)	BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (3) (Spring)	
Second level Human Behavior Course –MH: SWBEH 2066 Health/Mental Health ; or HB: SWBEH 2062 Children & Families at Risk (3) (2062, 2065, 2066, 2077)	EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease (3) (Spring)	PUBHLT (1 additional credit as a practicum, for Evans Summer Field Placement during the summer term*)
SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6)	SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6)	
*Evans Fellowship Seminar Series (0 crs)	*Evans Fellowship Seminar Series (0 crs)	(*Evans Fellowship Summer Leadership Placement w/ Pitt Public Health)

15 credits

15 credits

7 credits (Summer Term Tuition per credit)

**Year 2 – Fall**

**Primary Program –Public Health**

**Year 2 – Spring**

PUBHLT 2015 Biology (2) (Fall & Summer)	BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis (3)
BCHS 2520 Theories (3) (Fall & Spring)	HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health (3) (Fall & Spring)
* PUBHLT (1 additional credit as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *)	PUBHLT 2016 Capstone (2) (Fall, Spring, & Summer)
EPIDEM 2110 Principles of Epidemiology (3) (Fall & Summer)	BCHS 2504 Health Communication (3) (Fall & Spring)
BCHS 2523 Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation (3) (Fall and Spring)	Second-Level Policy Course: SWWEL 2039 Social Policy & Gerontology (Spring only); SWWEL 2057 Mental Health & Public Policy; SWWEL 2059 Child & Family Policy (3)
Three credits from several BCHS research courses to satisfy the 2nd level research course in the MSW program. (3)	

15 credits

14 credits

**Direct Practice Concentration: Revised Feb. 2017**

**Suggested Scheduling for Advanced Standing, Direct Practice, MSW/MPH Students (Fall, Spring, and Summer Terms)**

Those granted advanced standing during the admission process can receive academic credits for Foundation Courses. The number of advanced standing credits granted depends on the comparability of the student's undergraduate courses to this Program's Foundation Courses and on the grades obtained in those undergraduate courses (i.e., must be a "B" grade or higher). Foundation Courses:

SWGEM 2098 Generalist Foundations of Social Work Practice 3 crs. (AD)  
 SWGEN 2034 Foundations of S.W. Practice with Diverse Populations 3 crs. (Exempt)  
 SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior and the Social Environment 3 crs.(AD)

SWRES 2021 Foundations of Social Work Research 3 crs.(AD)  
 SWGEN 2099 Foundation Field Education 6 crs..(AD)  
 SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare 3 crs.(AD)

Year 1 – Fall	<b>Primary Program -Social Work(9)</b>	Year 1 – Spring	Year 1 –Summer (or Year 3-Fall with 9 Social Work credits)
SWINT 2082 Models of Intervention (3) (Fall and Spring)	SWINT Skill Elective #1 (3)		SWINT Advanced Direct Practice: CBT (2031) (3)
	BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (3) (Spring)		SWINT Skill Elective #2 (3)
Second level Human Behavior Course –MH: SWBEH 2066 Health/Mental Health ; or HB: SWBEH 2062 Children & Families at Risk (3) (2062, 2065, 2066, 2077)	EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease (3) (Spring)		
SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6)	SWINT 2099 Concentration Field Work (6)		
BCHS 2554 Introduction to Community Health (3) (Fall & Spring)			

15 credits

15 credits

6 credits (*Summer Term Tuition per credit*)

Year 2 – Fall	<b>Primary Program –Public Health</b>	Year 2 – Spring
PUBHLT 2015 Biology (2) (Fall & Summer)	BCHS 2521 Paper/Thesis (3)	
BCHS 2520 Theories (3) (Fall & Spring)	HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health (3) (Fall & Spring)	
PUBHLT (1 additional credit as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *)	PUBHLT (1 additional credit as independent study, practicum, or course in Public Health *)	
EPIDEM 2110 Principles of Epidemiology (3) (Fall & Summer)	PUBHLT 2016 Capstone (2) (Fall, Spring & Summer)	
BCHS 2523 Program Planning, Implementation and Evaluation (3) (F and S)	BCHS 2504 Health Communication (3) (Fall & Spring)	
Three credits from several BCBS research courses to satisfy the 2nd level research course in the MSW program. (3)	Second-Level Policy Course: SWWEL 2039 Social Policy & Gerontology (Spring only); SWWEL 2057 Mental Health & Public Policy; SWWEL 2059 Child & Family Policy (3)	

15 credits

15 credits