

Department of Community Health and Social Science

Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in Community Health for Macaulay Honors College students

The Department of Community Health and Social Sciences (CHASS) applies a social justice framework to conducting research and taking action to improve community health. The CHASS curriculum provides students with the tools to identify the deep-rooted structural determinants of community health and to develop and assess strategies to address these issues. Students are trained in applied research skills in community engagement and organizing, program planning, communications, and evaluation that will enable them to become more effective public health professionals and community health leaders.

The MPH in Community Health is the social and behavioral sciences arm of the CUNY School of Public Health’s MPH degree program. The program is designed to help students develop the competencies they will need to promote health in urban communities—competencies in assessment, community engagement, program development, grant writing, research, and evaluation. The program focuses on the social determinants of disease and health inequalities with a corresponding emphasis on structural theories of change, informed by social justice principles.

Macaulay Honors College, CUNY can complete their BA and MPH in Community Health degrees in 4+1 years by following the sequence described in figure 1 and completing the MPH courses described in table 1.

Figure 1: 4+1 Sequence for BA-MPH students

Year 1	•Macaulay undergraduate courses
Year 2	•Macaulay undergraduate courses
Year 3	•Macaulay undergraduate courses
Summer	•Two online core courses (PUBH 611, PUBH 613)
Year 4	•Macaulay undergraduate courses •Spring semester: PUBH 601, CHSS 622, CHSS 624
Summer	•Three online core courses (PUBH 610, PUBH 612, PUBH 614)
Year 5	•Fall semester: CHSS 623, CHSS 625, CHSS 696, Elective I •Spring semester: CHSS 698, Elective II, Elective II

Table 1: MPH Courses and sequence for 4+1 BA-MPH in Community Health

Course Requirements for MPH in Community Health	Credits	Semester taken by Macaulay 4+1 BA-MPH students
PUBH 601 (Foundations of Public Health Knowledge)	0	Year 4 Spring
5 Core Courses		
PUBH 610 (Public Health Leadership and Management)	3	Summer
PUBH 611 (Health Equity, Communication, and Advocacy)	3	Summer
PUBH 612 (Designing and Evaluating Public Health Interventions)	3	Summer
PUBH 613 (Designs, Concepts, and Methods in Public Health Research)	3	Summer
PUBH 614 (Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis Methods in Public Health Research)	3	Summer
4 Concentration Courses		
CHSS 622 (Community Organizing to Advance Health and Social Justice)	3	Year 4 Spring
CHSS 624 (Community Health Program Planning, Evaluation, and Sustainability)	3	Year 4 Spring
CHSS 623 (Applied Mixed Methods in Community Health Research)	3	Year 5 Fall
CHSS 625 (Advanced Seminar on Intersectoral Partnerships)	3	Year 5 Fall
3 Elective Courses		
Elective I	3	Year 5 Fall
Elective II	3	Year 5 Spring
Elective III	3	Year 5 Spring
Practice & Culminating Experience		
CHSS 696 (Community Health Practice Collaborative I)	3	Year 5 Fall
CHSS 698 (Community Health Practice Collaborative II)	3	Year 5 Spring
Total Credits	42	