The M.P.H. can be earned jointly with the Master of Business Administration, M.B.A. Joint degree programs provide the opportunity to complete two degrees in a compressed time frame. For students interested in blending their interests in business with a passion for public health, they can pursue the MPH-MBA Joint Degree Program. The student could apply for the joint degree prior to beginning their MPH or after completing the first year of the MPH program. To receive both degrees, MPH and MBA, students must complete a total of 108 hours of graduate-level coursework, including a minimum of 48 hours of public health courses (http://mph.illinois.edu/Program/Overview.aspx) and 60 hours of business courses (https://mba.illinois.edu/academics/joint-degrees). To satisfy the requirements of the Graduate College, students must be enrolled for at least three semesters in each of the two programs within the joint degree. Additionally, the first two semesters of the MBA program must be taken consecutively beginning in the fall.