A 5 year BS MPH joint degree program is available for students majoring in Community Health, I-Health, or Kinesiology. Students apply for the program in the latter part of their third year (junior year) of study. Students accepted into the BS MPH joint degree program take 12 credit hours of coursework in their senior year that apply to both BS and MPH degrees. In the 5th year of study, students complete the remaining requirements for the MPH degree, and graduate simultaneously with both BS and MPH degrees. A summary of the requirements for the MPH degree is provided here (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/community-health/master-pub-health/#degreerequirementstext). The requirements are explained in more detail on the MPH program website: http://www.mph.illinois.edu/Program/. (https://ahs.illinois.edu/how-to-apply-bs-mph)

The Community Health Program at the University of Illinois prepares students in the ever changing world of health care and health behavior as practitioners and offers three concentrations at the undergraduate level: Health Education & Promotion, Health Planning & Administration, and Rehabilitation Studies. All curricula are built on a foundation of general education courses which emphasize communication skills and critical thinking. The Professional Core courses are designed to help students develop skills in planning, implementation, and evaluation in the context of health services and programs. Students must complete an internship during their senior year in a setting related to the degree and their interests. Recent internship sites have included the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, hospitals, nursing homes, fitness centers, work site health education programs, and substance abuse prevention centers.

Further information is available from the Academic Affairs Office, Department of Kinesiology & Community Health, University of Illinois at

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Only students who have completed their junior year but have not yet completed their senior year are eligible to apply. The curriculum, degree requirements, and faculty for the 5-year BS-MPH program (MPH portion) are the same as the regular MPH program.

The BS-MPH program is accelerated. Students take a heavier course load during the fifth year, called the MPH year. The MPH year consists of one Fall semester, one Spring semester, and one Summer semester. For students in the Epidemiology concentration, the MPH portion of the degree consists of one Fall semester, one Spring semester, one Summer semester, and a second Fall semester, with students graduating in December.