

## **Articulation Agreement Information for Goucher Students**

Goucher College  
Minor in Public Health

University of Maryland School of Medicine  
Department of Epidemiology and Public Health  
Master of Public Health

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to establish collaboration between Goucher College and UMB in an effort to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science with a minor in Public Health at Goucher College to the Master of Public Health (MPH) at UMB.

### **II. Guiding Principles**

To obtain a minor in Public Health at Goucher College, students must earn a minimum of 24 credits. The Public Health Minor Program will allow students to apply two to three specified UMB MPH courses toward their required Public Health Minor Program curriculum. Those courses will then apply toward the MPH Program allowing accelerated completion of the MPH degree. To obtain the MPH degree, students must earn a total of 42 credit hours, including the courses taken as an advanced standing Public Health Minor student.

#### **a. Eligibility**

1. In order to enter into this articulation agreement students must have an overall 3.5 GPA and a 3.5 GPA in their Public Health coursework.
2. Students must be recommended by the Public Health Faculty

#### **b. Advising/Academic Planning**

1. Public Health Minor students considering participation in the articulated degree program are encouraged to discuss their interests as early as possible with faculty advisors at both universities. This is usually done during the fall semester of junior year.
2. Students should work closely with their advisors at Goucher College and UMB to develop the appropriate academic plan and ensure a seamless transition from Goucher College to UMB.

#### **c. Admissions**

1. As necessary, students will execute a FERPA release form during the admission process into each program with the corresponding institution.
2. Public Health Minor students will apply for Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program admission during their Goucher College junior year (application must be submitted by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**) and must be considered "in good standing" in the Public Health Minor Program before applying to the Public Health Minor/MPH Program. The Public Health Minor/MPH Program application includes an application form, application fee, college transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a resume. All application materials must be submitted to the MPH Academic Affairs Office.
3. The MPH Program will review the Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program application and render a decision of admission or rejection into the Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program based on the Public Health Minor student's application materials and space availability within the MPH Program. Public Health Minor students will receive an Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program admission letter of acceptance or rejection from the MPH Academic Affairs Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program standing is only applicable while students are enrolled as a senior at Goucher College in the Public Health Minor Program.

4. If accepted into the Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program, students will be permitted to enroll in two to three designated MPH courses in their Goucher College senior year.
5. Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program students must also complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) in the late fall/early winter of that year.
6. In the spring of the Public Health Minor Program senior year, the MPH Program will review the GRE scores and MPH course grades for Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program students and then render a final admission decision into the MPH Program.
7. The MPH application process is competitive and admission is not guaranteed.
8. Public Health Minor students are permitted to take classes and use transfer credits from institutions not participating in this articulation agreement. However, the Public Health Minor students must follow the course transfer policy that is outlined in the MPH Program Student Handbook.

**d. Tuition, Financial Aid, and Student Services**

1. Students participating in the Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program will pay tuition to Goucher College for all Public Health Minor Program courses they enroll into at Goucher College and to UMB for all MPH Program courses they enroll into at UMB.
2. Financial aid and student residency for the purpose of tuition will be handled independently by each institution. The UMB Office of Financial Aid will facilitate this process and will determine student residency for the purpose of tuition for UMB-related issues.

**e. Contact Information**

1. Each program will have a point of contact for the Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program.
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### III. Coursework at the University of Maryland

The following details the designated MPH courses and the recommended timeframe in which the Accelerated Public Health Minor/MPH Program students should take the UMB MPH courses.

Public Health Minor Course Number	Public Health Minor Course Title	Number of Credits	UMB Equivalent UMB MPH Course Number	UMB MPH Course Title	Number of Credits	Semester Course Offered at UMB
			PH 600	Principles of Epidemiology	3	Fall or Summer
			PH 610	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health	3	Fall
			PH 621 or PH 620 (depending on the selected concentration)	Biostatistical Methods or Principles of Biostatistics	3	Fall
			PH 623	Ethical Issues in Public Health	2	Spring
			PH 648	Health Services Policy, Management, and Finance	3	Fall or Summer
			PH 668	Environmental & Occupational Health	3	Fall