



## **SUBMATRICULATION INTO THE**

### **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Students in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania with a passion for public health research and practice may apply for submatriculation status in the Master of Public Health (MPH) program at the Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM).

During the submatriculation period, students can take up to three courses that can count toward both their BSN and the MPH degree. Guidelines include:

1. Students should pursue the regular BSN plan of study, with the following exceptions:
  - Students must take PUBH 501 Introduction to Biostatistics in lieu of NURS 230 Statistics for Research and Measurement
2. Options for the additional two courses that can potentially count toward the MPH program include:
  - NURS 547 Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice can count for MPH elective
  - PUBH 505 Public Health Policy and Administration (preferred) OR PUBH 507 Public Health Law & Ethics (required courses for the MPH) can fulfill BSN Policy requirement
  - NURS 525 Ethical Aspects of Health and Technology can fulfill BSN Ethics requirement and MPH elective
  - Fulfilling the Nursing elective requirement with a non-clinical graduate level course (NURS course at 500 level or above) can count as MPH elective
  - Students can petition for a HSOC course at the 400 level or above to potentially count for the Society and Social Structures sector as part of the BSN general education requirements and a MPH elective. Submit petitions to Moriah Hall, Associate Director of the Master of Public Health program.

Once the submatriculant completes their undergraduate requirements, they will become MPH students for the remainder of their graduate coursework, typically with 11 courses remaining toward the completion of their degree. The timeline to complete their remaining MPH requirements is flexible.

#### Traditional BSN Students

Students typically initiate the application process during the fall semester of their junior year. All applications to the MPH program completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> will be reviewed and provided a decision by December 1<sup>st</sup>, with the intention of submatriculating in the spring of their junior year.

#### Accelerated BSN Students

Students can initiate the application process at any point during the ABSN program as it is flexible. Students can apply up to these deadlines:

- To begin in the spring: November 1
- To begin in the summer: April 1
- To begin in the fall: June 15

Students interested in applying to the MPH program should follow the following steps:

1. Meet with an advisor in the Office of Academic Affairs in the School of Nursing to discuss the feasibility of adding the MPH to existing requirements to complete your undergraduate degree.
2. Contact Moriah Hall ([moriahh@pennteam.upenn.edu](mailto:moriahh@pennteam.upenn.edu)) in the MPH program to schedule an initial meeting.
3. Complete the submatriculation application [here](#).
4. Return the signed submatriculation application to Moriah Hall to receive the full MPH application and instructions.

Applications to the MPH program will be reviewed holistically, looking at coursework and GPA, as well as demonstrated interest in public health through volunteer and internship experiences. This submatriculation program is highly competitive. All qualified applicants will be interviewed as part of the application process. Submatriculants will meet regularly with their MPH advisor to ensure success in the submatriculation program while fulfilling the requirements of their undergraduate program.

#### Traditional BSN and Accelerated BSN Students Interested in the MPH and MSN

- Traditional and Accelerated BSN students are unable to apply and be accepted into two submatriculation programs.
- If students are interested in completing both graduate programs, it is advised that students apply for submatriculation into their chosen MSN program. Once their BSN/ABSN program is completed, students can apply for the MPH program as a dual degree student with MPH and their MSN.
- Students are unable to triple count courses between their BSN/ABSN, MSN, and MPH.
- The deadlines to apply to the MPH program as a dual degree program with the MSN are:
  - Traditional BSN: April 1 of a student's graduating spring semester
  - Accelerated BSN: November 1 of a student's graduating fall semester

#### **For more information, please contact:**

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