

Sample Program of Study

Year 1

Fall	Spring	Summer
SLWK 601 Hum. Behav. I	SLWK 610 Hum. Behav. II	EPID 600 Intro. PH
SLWK 602 Policy/Pract. I	SLWK 606 Policy/Pract. II	BIOS 543 Stat. Meth. I
SLWK 603 Social Justice	SLWK 609 Found. Research	SLWK703 Clin. Behav. (or Fyr2)
SLWK 604 Micro Pract. I	SLWK 605 Micro Pract. II	
SLWK 693 Foundation Field Instr.	SLWK 694 Foundation Field Instr.	

Year 2

Fall	Spring	Summer
SLWK703 Clin. Behav. or SLWK711	SLWK704 Clin. Prac. or SLWK712	EPID Elective (or F/Spr2)
EPID 571 Prin. of Epidem.	EPID 605 Epi. of Health Behav.	EPID Elective (or Fyr3)
EPID 602 PH Org. & Mgt.	EPID 606 Epi. Meth. II	
EPID 604 Principles of Occupational & Environmental Health	EPID Elective	

Year 3

Fall	Spring	Summer
SLWK 704 /712 Conc. Pract. I	SLWK 705/713 Conc. Pract. II	EPID Elective (if needed)
SLWK 793 Conc. Field Instr. I	SLWK 794 Conc. Field Instr. II	
EPID elect. (or Su Yr 2)	EPID 691 (if needed)	
EPID 691 PH Res. Proj.		

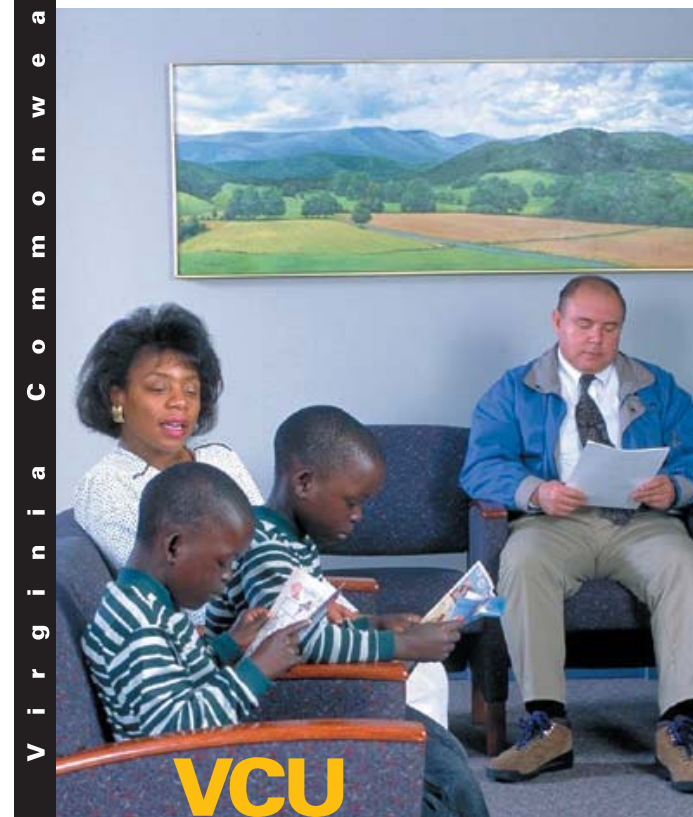
(Students choose either SLWK 703, 704 & 705 for the Clinical Concentration or SLWK 711, 712 & 713 for the Administration, Planning and Policy Practice Concentration; SLWK 793-794 is required for both concentrations)

THE MISSION

of the MPH Program at Virginia Commonwealth University is to promote health and well-being through commitment to public health education, excellence in research, and dedication to community service.

MSW MPH Dual Degree

Combined degree in
Social Work (MSW) and
Public Health (MPH)



Combined degree in Social Work & Public Health

Through a collaborative program between the VCU School of Social Work and the Department of Epidemiology & Community Health, students complete a three-year full-time program of study, including summer course work, to obtain the Master of Social Work (MSW) and the Master of Public Health (MPH) degrees. The purpose of this dual degree program is to prepare graduates to consider individuals as part of the larger family and community, advocate for social, health care and economic justice in a diverse and multicultural society, and promote physical and mental health across the life course.

Admission to the MSW/MPH Dual Degree Option.

Prospective students will be required to apply to both programs independently, meet both sets of admission requirements. It is preferable that application be made to both programs at the same time so that the structured dual degree curriculum can be optimally ensured. Students in one program may also apply to the second program during the first year of study.



MSW/MPH Degree Requirements. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 78 semester credits leading to both degrees. Independently, the MSW program requires 60 credit hours and the MPH program requires 45 credit hours.

In social work, dual degree students will complete all 30 MSW foundation credits and 15 of the 30 MSW concentration credits. Fifteen credits in either the clinical or social work administration, planning and policy practice concentration will be satisfied by public health courses.

In public health, dual degree students will complete a total of 33 credits of the 45 required credits. The generalist track-specific requirements of EPID 603 Public Health Policy and Politics and NURS 509 Community Program Planning will be satisfied following completion of SLWK 602 and SLWK 606 Social Work Policy, Community and Organizational Practice I and II and SLWK 704 and 705 Clinical Social work Practice I and II OR SLWK 712 and SLWK 713 Social Work Planning and Administration Practice I and II. Students will satisfy the public health internship requirement with SLWK 793-794 or SLWK 795 Concentration Field Instruction (six credits) in a public health related setting approved by both social work and public health.

A final research project is required for the MPH. This is completed during the last year in the program under guidance of both social work and public health advisors.

Advisement. Students will be assigned an advisor from each program who will guide the student in the completion of the structured curriculum and in identifying a combined social work and public health career opportunity.

MSW Waiver. Students can exercise the existing MSW waiver option for up to nine (9) foundation credits: SLWK 609 Foundations of Social Research and SLWK 601-610 Human Behavior and the Social Environment. These credits must be replaced with either social work upper level courses or public health core courses that will be planned on an individual basis.

Potential Careers:

- Community advocacy programs
- Develop and coordinate public health and social work services
- Collect and use community data to support program and policy development.

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