

# MPH Context Certificate Roadmap:

## Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU)

For students matriculating in  
Fall 2023/Spring 2024

Degree Advice via My BU Student Portal is a useful tool to track your progress and plan your coursework.

### MPH Practicum PH976 (240 hours; 0 credits)

Gain experience as a public health professional through a Practicum.

- Students can begin a Practicum after having completed at least 16 SPH credits.
- More information can be found at <https://www.bu.edu/sph/careers/for-students/practmenu/>
- Questions? Contact [sphpract@bu.edu](mailto:sphpract@bu.edu)

### Integrated Learning Experience PH845 (0 credits)

Completed in final semester

- The ILE is tied to the functional certificate.
- Students must be enrolled in, or have completed, the Practicum to be eligible for the ILE.
- The Registrar will enroll a student in PH845 after their graduation application is reviewed.
- One ILE is required per student.

### Course Substitutions

Additional elective course option permissible via the completion of a [Course Substitution Form](#):

**PM 795** Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Policy and Politics (4)

*Special Topics courses may count toward the MHSU Certificate at the discretion of the Certificate Director. Students will need to fill out a [Course Substitution Form](#).*

### Certificate Contacts

**Certificate Director:**

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### MHSU Certificate Requirements (12 credits)

Choose one required course\*:

**SB780** Mental Health and Public Health: A Social and Behavioral Sciences Perspective (4)

**SB785** Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use: People, Populations, and Policies (4)

*Note: Whichever option is not chosen can count as an elective*

Choose 8 credits of electives:

**SB730** Stress as a Public Health Problem (2)

**SB832** Trauma, Trauma-Informed Care, Recovery & Resilience (4)

**MC783** Substance Use Among Diverse Populations (4)

**MC800** Preventing Mental Health Disorders Among Women, Children, and Adolescents (2)

**LW854** Mental Health Law (4)

**EP790** Epidemiology of Mental Health (2)

**PM758** Introduction to Mental Health Services (2)

**PM785** Mental Health Advocacy (2)

**GH765** Cross-Cultural Approaches to Mental Health in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (2)

\* There are no prerequisites for these courses beyond PH 720.

Students must complete 48 credits to earn an MPH degree.

Students must follow certificate requirements relative to the year/semester that they matriculated. Dual degree requirements differ from the roadmap. All Official requirements are in the Bulletin.

### Integrated Core, Foundations, & Career Prep (16 credits)

Online course to be taken before classes begin:

- **PH700** Foundations of Public Health (0)

Develop a strong foundation in public health through the core courses:

- **PH717** Quantitative Methods for Public Health (4)
- **PH718** Leadership and Management in Public Health (4)
- **PH719** Health Systems, Law, and Policy (4)
- **PH720** Individual, Community, and Population Health (4)

Prepare for the Practicum and a career:

- **PH746** Career PREP (0)

### Functional Certificate Requirements (16 credits)

Students are required to complete one functional certificate (16 credits unless otherwise indicated):

- Community Assessment, Program Design, Implementation, & Evaluation
- Health Communication and Promotion
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, & Evaluation
- Health Policy and Law
- Healthcare Management (28)
- Program Management

A maximum of 4 credits may fulfill requirements in any two certificates. These credits do NOT count twice toward to the overall 48 credits needed to graduate.

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MHSU Course Schedule for 2024 (these projections are subject to change)

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## SPRING

**SB780** Mental Health and Public Health: A Social and Behavioral Sciences Perspective (4)

**SB730** Stress as a Public Health Problem (2) - 1 week in January

**MC800** Preventing Mental Health Disorders among Women, Children, and Adolescents: A Life Course Perspective (2)

**MC783** Substance Use Among Diverse Populations (4) †

**EP790** Epidemiology of Mental Health (2)

**LW854** Mental Health Law (4)

**PM785** Mental Health Advocacy (2)

**PM795** Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Policy and Politics (4) †

## SUMMER

## FALL

**SB832** Trauma, Trauma-Informed Care, Recovery & Resilience (4)

**SB785** Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use: People, Populations, and Policies (4) †

**GH765** Cross-Cultural Approaches to Mental Health in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (2) †

**PM758** Introduction to Mental Health Services (2)

† Evening offering planned

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