

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES
Master's Accelerated Program (MAP) Guidelines

PURPOSE

The MAP program allows academically qualified undergraduate students to complete up to 12 credit hours towards a master's degree during their junior and/or senior years while still completing the bachelor's degree.

COURSE COUNTING

In accordance with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), CRRT.B.10.020.B1c, an institution may allow well-prepared advanced students to substitute its graduate courses for required or elective courses in an undergraduate degree program *and then subsequently count those same courses as fulfilling graduate requirements in a related graduate program that the institution offers*. A graduate program has the discretion to use up to 12 credits of NMSU coursework (450 level or higher) that can logically be applied towards the completion of master's program of study. Students must receive a grade of B or higher in this coursework to be counted for graduate credit. If a grade of B- or lower is earned, it will not count toward the graduate degree.

NMSU GENERAL ELIGIBILITY¹

- Must have completed 60 hours of undergraduate coursework (minimum 25 hours at NMSU)
- GPA \geq 3.00
- Complete MAP Referral Form

OTHER NMSU MAP REGULATIONS/STIPULATIONS

- Courses will count toward both degrees; they will show on undergraduate and graduate transcripts and count towards both GPAs
- Graduate level courses included in the master's accelerated program are those courses numbered 450 and above *or those chosen by the graduate academic departments*.
- Students must receive a grade of B or higher in all MAP coursework to be counted as graduate credit. B- or lower grades may still count toward the undergraduate major.
- Students apply for the graduate degree in their final semester of undergraduate degree
- Acceptance of MAP credits does not imply acceptance into the master's program.
 - Final admissions and acceptance into the graduate program is based on academic performance at the undergraduate level and completion of the eligible undergraduate degree.
- Tuition is based on the level of the student not the course
- Students may become ineligible for MAP if undergraduate or graduate GPA drops below 3.0
- Students accepted into the master's accelerated program, must participate in the Developing New Scholars Program (DNSP), offered by the Graduate School.
- Students must be advised each semester for the MAP program by their potential graduate program and cleared for registration in graduate courses by the Graduate School.

¹ Departments may enforce stricter requirements

HOW TO APPLY TO THE MAP PROGRAM:

1. A student may apply or the department may invite students to participate in the master's accelerated program.
2. Departments accept students based on the Master's Accelerated Program requirements as *set by the department (see below)*.
3. The Graduate Advisor will forward the Master's Accelerated Program Referral Form to the graduate school.
4. Graduate School will hold the referral form until the student has completed their undergraduate degree.
5. The referral form will be used as part of the graduate school final admissions into the master's program.

ADDITIONAL BPH/MPH REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must have a GPA of 3.00 or higher

3.25-4.00 → Acceptance

3.00-3.24 → Case-by-case acceptance with decision made by an ad hoc committee including the Undergraduate Coordinator, Graduate Coordinator, and Online Coordinator.

2. Only 500-level M01 (on-campus) courses are eligible for PHS MAP program

3. Only the following courses are eligible for the PHS MAP Program

MPH 510	Community and Psychosocial Aspects of Public Health
MPH 520	Biostatistical Applications in Public Health
MPH 550	Environmental Public Health Issues
MPH 570	Foundations of Public Health Education
MPH 56_	Cultural foundations and electives

4. Course grading will exclude minus ("-") grades, consistent with MPH Department policy

5. The PHS Graduate Coordinator will serve as the primary PHS MAP program contact and administrator

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