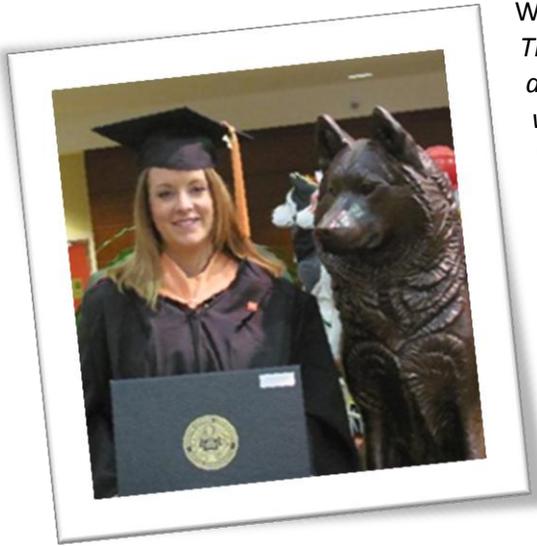


BS/MPH Student Profiles



What made you decide to apply to the program?

The combined program offered a unique opportunity to earn an advanced degree in a familiar setting in a shorter period of time. I wasn't sure where I wanted to end up in the health field. After learning about how versatile a master in public health can be and how many doors it can open, I knew the program would be a great fit for me.

What was the best thing about the combined BS/MPH program?

The best part of the BS/MPH program was how well they fit together. It was not a difficult transition. Also, as a graduate, I cannot express how useful the knowledge I gained through this program has become. I use the theories, techniques, and strategies I learned in this program daily in my position as a coordinator for a community substance abuse prevention coalition.

Caitlin, 2011 BS/MPH Graduate

What made you decide to apply to the program?

At some point during my undergraduate career, it became very clear that many of our country's health issues had more to do with both personal behaviors and social environments that traditional medicine did not treat. After taking an undergraduate course in Community & Public Health, I found my mind travelling back to the concepts we discussed. Feeling compelled to do something about improving health, I began to observe my surroundings differently - critically thinking about the limitations one's environment placed on decision-making and seeing how poor choices manifested into disease. I wanted to explore this relationship further and deepen my understanding of preventing disease and promoting health through feasible means. Public Health was the answer.

Once the combined BS/MPH program was announced, I immediately knew that it would provide me with the expanded knowledge and skills I was looking for. I gained a better grasp on the fundamentals of Health Policy, Epidemiology, Social and Behavioral Health, and Environmental Health, to name a few, that have helped me design health-based interventions for some of Boston's youth.

What was the best thing about the combined BS/MPH program?

For me, the combined program seemed like a natural extension to my undergraduate courses. Taking graduate level courses during my senior year kept my intellectual momentum going so that the transition back into the classroom for the last year of the MPH program was second nature. Also, after living in Boston for 5 years, the program's special focus on Urban Health was relevant to my surroundings, which served as a reflecting point for class discussion and application.



Jeannine, 2011 BS/MPH Graduate

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What made you decide to apply to the program?

I decided to apply to the BS/MPH program at the end of my second year of the health science program. At the time, I was pre-med but became gradually exposed to the idea of public health. It was when I realized through the help of my professors that as a Master of Public Health I would be able to improve the lives of entire populations that I decided to apply to the program. As a health policy professional, I am able to spend each day writing legislation which affects the health of all Americans whereas if I were a doctor I might be able to see fifteen patients in a day.

What was the best thing about the combined BS/MPH program?

The BS/MPH degree is a tremendous opportunity to obtain a two year degree in just one extra year. I was able to graduate in five years with my master's degree while most of my friends at Northeastern obtained a bachelor's degree in the same amount of time. You will feel incredibly accomplished having such a valuable post-graduate degree at a young age and most importantly the MPH makes you very marketable to potential employers.

Spencer, 2012 BS/MPH Graduate

What made you decide to apply to the program?

I decided to apply to the program when I knew I wanted to learn more about public health as an undergrad. I was interested in a program on urban health and also completing the program faster. I also knew we had several professors who are prominent in the field of public health and wanted to learn from them.

What was the best thing about the combined BS/MPH program?

For me, the best thing about the combined program was that I was able to start grad classes sooner. I knew I wanted to study public health and I was ready for more challenging classes, so the combined program allowed me to get started faster than if I had to apply after I graduated undergrad first.

Emma, 2012 BS/MPH Graduate

