

## JSPH and Bryn Mawr College Collaborate to Offer New Graduate Program

The Fall 2012 term marks the beginning of a new academic offering through the Jefferson School of Population Health (JSPH).

Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research (GSSWSR) and JSPH are partnering to offer a unique opportunity to complete dual degrees in social work (Master of Social Services – MSS) and public health (Master of Public Health – MPH).

Increasingly, the practice of healthcare, especially in serving the neediest populations, depends on community-based multidisciplinary teams of practitioners, researchers, and policy makers who are well-grounded in health, social, and legal services. The Bryn Mawr-Jefferson collaboration acknowledges the long-standing synergy between social work and public

health and also recognizes the growing interest among professionals to further their preparation by earning multiple graduate degrees.

Bryn Mawr College's MSS is one of the nation's oldest and most respected academic programs in social work. Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation, it is fully equivalent to a Master of Social Work (MSW).

Jefferson's MPH program is nationally accredited through the Council of Education for Public Health (CEPH). This dual degree offering reflects the mission of both institutions to enhance the wellness and quality of life of individuals, families, and their communities through the shared commitment to social justice and human rights.

With advanced study in both social work and public health, professionals who complete the dual degree program acquire expanded knowledge and skills that broaden their appeal and value in the workplace. Graduates work in managed care organizations and hospitals, local and state health and welfare departments, federal and voluntary health and social service agencies, community based organizations, medical-legal partnerships, and advocacy coalitions. ■

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Further information can be obtained by contacting the Bryn Mawr College Admissions Office at (610) 526-5152, or visiting [www.brynmawr.edu/socialwork/admissions](http://www.brynmawr.edu/socialwork/admissions).