MD–MPH DUAL DEGREE

The Doctor of Medicine-Master of Public Health (MD-MPH) Dual Degree Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) provides medical education that allows the exploration of the multifaceted relationship between medicine and population-focused health.

The MD–MPH dual degree is a five-year program that requires completion of all MD requirements and all MPH requirements. However, the curriculum is designed to maximize time spent in both programs. There are several courses that can be taken during medical school that count as electives towards the MPH.

MD CURRICULUM

The University of Wisconsin SMPH in Madison is committed to improving the health of the citizens of Wisconsin and beyond through education, research, and service. The MD Program strives to engage students in a learning process that will help them become highly competent and compassionate physicians who promote health and have a lifelong thirst for learning. Education extends beyond the classroom to experiential opportunities in the Madison community, in many urban and rural parts of Wisconsin, and with underserved populations in the United States and abroad.

Students begin to work with their most important teachers - their patients - on day one of medical school. In years one and two, they are assigned to clinics where they observe doctors and interact with patients to develop communication and physical examination skills. In the third and fourth years, students rotate through clinical clerkships across Wisconsin as part of the statewide campus, gaining firsthand understanding of diverse health care delivery systems.

MPH CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the MPH as a stand-alone degree program consists of a minimum of 42 credits of coursework, divided between 20 credits of required classroom courses and seminars, 3 credits of methods coursework, 13 credits of elective classroom courses, and 6 credits of required field experience. There is also a non-credit Capstone requirement.

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Students complete all requirements for the MD degree and 30 credits for the MPH degree. The MPH Program accepts 12 credits of related public health elective coursework taken during Medical School (to equal 42 required credits).

Students must receive a B or higher in the MPH courses. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 3.0 in the MPH Program. Students must complete all required courses for each program, with no fewer than two semesters in the MPH Program.

PROGRAM SEQUENCING

Students may apply to the MPH Program at the same time as medical school or at any point after being admitted to medical school, preferably during the first year. Most students complete the MPH Program between the M3 and M4 year, however, this is flexible and can be completed when it works best for the student.

The dual degree also integrates well with SMPH’s TRIUMPH and WARM Programs.

“...the collaborative and supportive platform of this program created substantial opportunities to improve both written and oral communication on topics of my choice. The interdisciplinary nature of coursework significantly enhanced my understanding of other professions and the role they play in health and disease, notably in resource-limited rural and urban settings. Most importantly, the MPH provided a broadened perspective of what it means to be physicians and the responsibility we have to people—all people. This perspective is one I use and will continue to use daily as I serve both individuals and populations, striving to maximize what health means to them.”

Caitlin Rublee, MD-MPH Candidate, Class of 2016
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ADMISSIONS PROCESS
Students apply for the MD–MPH Dual Degree Program by submitting separate applications to both the MD and MPH Programs at the UW–SMPH. Admissions criteria must be met in both programs. Admissions decisions for each program are made separately. Following acceptance of a student into both programs (at the same time, or sequentially), the student is responsible for notifying both programs of their intent to pursue the dual degree and have credits counted accordingly. Matriculation into the MPH program is contingent upon the student remaining in good standing during medical school.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINES
Application Deadline for MPH: February 1
Application Materials available at: apply.mph.wisc.edu

Application Deadline for MD Program: November 1
Application Materials available at: www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas

HOW TO APPLY TO THE MPH PROGRAM
The MPH Program has an on-line application. Required application materials vary based upon whether the applicant is currently enrolled in the MD Program at the SMPH or not. All application materials must be received by the application deadline (February 1) for full consideration. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Applicants are reviewed based on five criteria:
• Academic qualifications
• Public health experience
• Public health goals
• Letters of recommendation
• Contributions of diversity

TUITION
The MD–MPH Dual Degree Program uses a step out model for tuition payment. Typically students enroll in medical school and complete a portion of the medical school curriculum, then “step out” of medical school for a year to complete the MPH Program. Students pay medical school tuition during the time they are enrolled in medical school and pay graduate student tuition while in the MPH Program. Tuition rates are based on residency and can be found at: www.registrar.wisc.edu/tuition_&_fees.htm

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