M1 Applicant Information

Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) prepares motivated medical students to become community-engaged physician leaders to promote health equity for urban populations. TRIUMPH integrates clinical and public health through enriching clinical experiences in Milwaukee, engages students in addressing complex community and public health problems, and encourages them to consider careers serving urban medically underserved populations. Students gain appreciation for the urban context, health disparities, and community resources. They engage with communities to develop population-based health improvement projects, gain skills in community health assessment, project design, evaluation, inter-professional collaboration and working upstream to address the social determinants of health.

ForWard Curriculum Transformation: TRIUMPH is changing to align with the newly transformed curriculum. This year interested students will be invited to apply to TRIUMPH in the fall of their M1 year.

TRIUMPH Curriculum
TRIUMPH is integrated with the required curriculum and is organized through four two-credit courses. These courses introduce students to urban health through seminars, discussions, experiential learning and community and public health projects. While some objectives will be addressed in all TRIUMPH courses, each course is unique and builds on the content and skills of the prior course.

The courses are taken sequentially as follows:
1. Community and Public Health Enrichment Experience (CAPHENE or TRIUMPH II; July/August ’18)
2. Seminars and Projects (Jan ’19-May ’20)
3. Leadership Skills for Community and Public Health (TRIUMPH III, Oct ’20)
4. Advanced Seminars and Projects (TRIUMPH IV, July ’20-May ’21)

Courses include: a two-week intensive community and public health immersion experience at the outset of the M2 year (CAPHENE); introductory and advanced seminars with community and public health projects for a total of 160 hours over Phase 2 and 3 (TRIUMPH I and IV); and a leadership skills course in October of the M4 year (TRIUMPH III).

Students will participate in TRIUMPH’s CAPHENE course in Milwaukee at the end of July/early August to begin their M2 year, prior to the start of fall semester classes. TRIUMPH students will return to Madison to complete their fall classes/Phase 1. Subsequently, students will return to Milwaukee in January of their M2 year for Phase 2 and stay in Milwaukee for most of phases 2 and 3, from January 2019 through graduation in May of 2021. Students will spend most of Phases 2 and 3 learning and working in a variety of sites, including Aurora Health Care Metro Region hospitals and clinics, community health centers, public health agencies and community organizations in Milwaukee. Students will explore Milwaukee’s diverse communities and will work with a community organization on a health improvement project. They will complete the Ambulatory Acting Internship, when possible within a Federally Qualified Community Health Center.

A sample schedule is provided below for you to get a sense of the TRIUMPH training.
Phase 1 (mostly in Madison):
- Coursework in Madison including PHS 712; August 2017-December 2018
- CAPHENE (TRIUMPH II) in Milwaukee; August 2018

Phase 2 (mostly in Milwaukee):
- Acute Care, Chronic & Preventative Care, Care Across the Lifespan and Surgical and Procedural Care Blocks in Milwaukee
- TRIUMPH I projects and seminars one half-day every 2 weeks

Phase 3 (mostly in Milwaukee):
- Required and elective rotations in Milwaukee for at least 5 months
- Inpatient Acting Internship
- Ambulatory Acting Internship
- TRIUMPH III Leadership Skills course (fulfills public health selective requirement); October 2020
- TRIUMPH IV projects and seminars one half-day every 2 weeks while in Milwaukee
- Internship preparatory course (locations to be determined)

PoD, MPH, MSTP and Global Health Options: Students who complete TRIUMPH will be able to meet requirements for the UW Path of Distinction (PoD). Students may also pursue MPH or MSTP degrees. We recommend combining the TRIUMPH project with MPH or MSTP research projects to fulfill both program requirements. Students may also take a leave of absence from UW to pursue a global health projects or programs. MPH, MSTP or extended study abroad is recommended between Phases 2 and 3.

Housing: Students will be expected to find/pay for their housing for the longitudinal course. TRIUMPH has a recommended apartment complex where students may be able to live in community and obtain reduced rents. Contact Sacha Ehley, TRIUMPH Program Coordinator with questions: sachaehley@aurora.org. We will reserve time for students to explore housing options during CAPHENE.

Application and selection: Sixteen M1 students will be selected based on their interest in urban health and demonstrated commitment to working with disadvantaged populations. Candidates may begin to submit application materials through Fluid Review (http://www.medwisc.fluidreview.com) after October 26. M1s are expected to complete their applications by Tuesday January, 2. Requirements include:
- Good academic standing in the required curriculum
- Essays describing student’s history, motivation and aspirations
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member or colleague describing the applicant's motivation, leadership potential, and demonstrated ability to be a self-directed learner and team member
- Completed or enrolled in PHS 712 (exempt if student has already completed the MPH)
- Top candidates will be invited for interviews with TRIUMPH faculty in January 2018

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