

MD/MPH Dual Degree

Interprofessionalism in Public Health

Public health careers for the 21st century will require competence in interprofessional practice. Interprofessional education refers to the capacity of students to enact knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for working together across professions and stakeholder groups to improve outcomes. Our programs continue to pursue mechanisms and activities to ensure that our graduates are competent interprofessional public health practitioners.

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Why MD/MPH?

Careers in medicine and public health require the utmost attention to interprofessional practice and the intertwined nature of public health and clinical medicine. As a medical student enrolled in the MD/MPH program, you will be able to gain a thorough understanding of public health issues while preparing for your medical career. Earning both an MD and an MPH degree provides a student with the skills and knowledge to address the health challenges of the twenty-first century. By understanding public health, a physician is better prepared to help patients and communities and create practices that improve patient outcomes. Our alumni and faculty are found in various positions across the university and throughout the state. MD/MPH program alumni hold positions as:

- Health directors and staff in state and local health departments
- Managers of community health and social service organizations
- Managers and scientists of pharmaceutical firms, health insurance companies, and hospital systems
- Educators and researchers
- Community-based health care providers
- Public policy advocates

Curriculum

Foundational coursework is required of all students (6 courses; 18 credits).

- PUBH 5403 Health Administration
- PUBH 5404 Environmental Health
- PUBH 5405 Social and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health
- PUBH 5406 Law and Public Health
- PUBH 5407 Practicum in Public Health
- PUBH 5431 Public Health Research Methods

Electives (3-5 courses; 9-15 credits) To complete their degree, medical students can choose to complete a thesis project or a capstone project. If students pick the thesis plan, they will complete GRAD 5950 (9 credits) and 9 additional credits of Public Health electives. If students pick the capstone plan, they will complete PUBH 5499 (3 credits), and 15 additional credits of Public Health electives.

How to Apply

To be considered, your application should include:

- A personal statement that summarizes your career plans and what has influenced your decision
- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation

The MPH application is available at grad.uconn.edu/admissions/apply-to-uconn.