

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

MD-MPH

MEDICAL DOCTOR – MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Application Process

The MD-MPH program provides you with two options for pursuing your studies:

- a four-year program where public health courses are taken in intervals throughout medical school
- a five-year program where you complete an enhancement year taking courses between the third and fourth years of medical school

Full admission criteria, application instructions, deadlines and curriculum can be found at fairbanks.indianapolis.iu.edu.

Dual Degree Program

To prepare physicians who want to make a vital difference in the health of individuals and populations, the Fairbanks School of Public Health has partnered with the School of Medicine to combine an MD degree with training in public health. This program can be completed concurrently with your medical education, giving you expanded career options upon graduation and throughout your career.

Why Add Public Health to Your Education?

Many graduates of our program divide their careers between direct medical care to individuals, health systems leadership, and public health practice in their communities or globally. With an MPH you are qualified for this type of work, and you are prepared to provide comprehensive care to a community. It also makes you more marketable for a wide variety of careers, including global health, hospital and clinic leadership, health policy, non-profit management, global health, refugee and immigrant health, and health research and teaching.

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The MD-MPH degree is designed to be completed in either four or five years. In this joint program, up to 12 of the 45 MPH required credits are shared with MD credits. Medical students enroll in the Interdisciplinary Public Health Studies Concentration that teaches public health principles and allows them to choose courses from among the core areas of public health: Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, Public Health Informatics and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The curriculum addresses key issues of public health practice and policy, including health equity and disparities, infectious disease, chronic disease prevention, and health promotion. All MPH classes are taught asynchronously online. Experiential components provide opportunities to apply learning in projects and research that impacts the health of communities. Projects can be undertaken in Indiana and internationally through IU's global health partnerships.

HOW BIG OF AN IMPACT CAN YOU HAVE?



“Completing an MD/MPH program prepares physicians to not only think about the patients they see in front of them but also the communities in which their patients live. That lens adds very important perspective and provides unique expertise in the roles physicians take as healers and leaders.”

Paul M. Wallach, MD
Executive Associate Dean/Educational Affairs
Chief Academic Officer
Indiana University School of Medicine

“I wanted to learn about health as a comprehensive system... that’s something which the MD-MPH dual degree is uniquely suited to teach. Not only does the program teach you clinical competence, but it also teaches a comprehensive population view of health. The real-life examples offered by the professors bring to life the concepts being discussed theoretically in class. I would recommend the MD-MPH dual degree to anyone who wants to expand their view of health with a complementary discipline to traditional medical school curriculum.”

Chris Bosma, MD, MPH

“An MPH expanded my worldview and thinking about how clinical medicine fits into broader community and systems-level approaches to improve health. It gave me a framework for thinking about the social determinants of health. It also expanded my network exponentially and connected me to programs and leaders in global health”

Tim Mercer, MD, MPH

When you join the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Fairbanks School of Public Health, you’ll join the most expansive medical and public health alumni network in the state.

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