DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

MD–MPH

MEDICAL DOCTOR – MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Application Process

Full admission criteria, application instructions and deadlines can be found at fsph.iupui.edu. Students admitted to the Indiana University School of Medicine, at any of the nine IUSM campuses, are eligible to apply to the joint MD-MPH program at the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI. Medical students who are interested in pursuing the joint MD-MPH degree must apply and be admitted to the Fairbanks School of Public Health. Students are encouraged to apply to the MPH program during their first year of medical school, however, arrangements will be made to facilitate completion of the joint degree program at any point during a student's medical education.

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 and public health practice in their communities. 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 leadership, health policy, non-profit management, environmental health, refugee and immigrant health and health research and teaching.

MD-MPH

The MD-MPH degree is designed to be completed in five years. Because this is a coordinated program, a number of the 45 MPH required credits are shared with MD credits. Students choose one concentration from among the five core areas of public health: Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Global Health, Health Policy and Management, Public Health Informatics or Social and Behavioral Sciences. The innovative curriculum addresses key. Issues driving public health practice and policy, including infectious disease control, injury control, and chronic disease prevention and health promotion. The five core MPH classes are offered online and should be completed during the summer between the first and second years of medical school. The remaining public health courses are typically taken during the fourth year. Experiential components provide opportunities to apply learning in projects and research that impacts the health of communities. Projects can be undertaken anywhere in Indiana and through IU 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

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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