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School of Public Health

MD/MPH Joint Degree Program

LSU School of Public Health's Mission

The LSU School of Public Health's mission is to "Advance the public's health and well-being through education, research and service with a focus on issues affecting Louisiana." We do that by having a vision of a healthier Louisiana with a workforce addressing the core functions of public health, equipped with data and knowledge, and supported by LSU's faculty, students and staff.

Your education here will give you real-world, practical experience to make the world a healthier place.

Goals of the MD/MPH Joint Degree Program

Make an impact as a physician improving the public's health – and start on an exciting and meaningful career path – with the new LSU 4-year MD-MPH (Master of Public Health) Dual Degree Program. The new program integrates curricula in the School of Medicine and School of Public Health to prepare medical students as excellent clinicians who can improve public health through application of knowledge and skills from one of four public health disciplines.

4-Year MD-MPH Program students at LSU benefit from dynamic courses, diverse field placements, and outstanding faculty from across the Health Sciences Center – providing them with advanced foundations in the disciplines of clinical medicine and public health improvement – and allowing them to pursue individual interests while they develop critical skills for healthcare in the 21st century. The MD-MPH program provides students with the analytical tools to define, evaluate and solve emerging health and health care problems.

MD/MPH joint degree students will satisfy the requirements for 4,770 hours of courses and clerkships and 38 credits towards the MPH program. Four year MD/MPH students **must** begin MPH coursework the summer (May) before MD courses begin.

For More Information

To gain the most in-depth information on the MD/MPH Program, please indicate you are interested in the MD/MPH on your secondary application to the LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine.

Students interested in the MD/MPH Dual Degree Program will apply to a specific MPH concentration:

- Community Health Science & Policy
- Environmental Health, Climate & Sustainability
- Epidemiology & Population Health



The Student Perspective

Jewel Datri
MD/MPH Alumni

What was/has been the biggest challenge about deciding to go for your MD and MPH at the same time?

If you have a desire to help your patient population both inside and outside of the hospital setting, a dual degree can strengthen your toolkit.

Challenges aside, what was the best part of focusing your studies all at once?

I really had the upper hand when looking for and doing research projects. Networking was much easier as I was introduced to a whole new set of professors and students, who showed me a different way of looking at medical problems than my purely MD counterparts. Not to mention you get two degrees in the same amount of time that you would normally just get one!

What would your advice be to students who are also considering being a part of the Joint Degree Program with LSU School of Public Health?

This is a definitely do-able program. As for the epidemiology concentration, what you learn and the contacts you will make will help you tremendously in your future and in research. This will set you apart from other medical students and teach you a different way of analyzing medical conditions and how they affect the medical system as a whole.

MD-MPH Application Information

Application Requirements:

- Acceptance by LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine
- The deadline to apply to the LSU School of Public Health for the MD/MPH program is May 1
- MPH application form including:
 - Signed [Release of Admissions Records](#) from LSU School of Medicine
 - Statement Stating Why You Wish to Pursue an MPH Degree

All pieces must be submitted prior to **May 1** on the [LSU School of Public Health's Application Portal](#)

Questions?

Additional information about the LSU School of Public Health, the curriculum for the joint degree program, faculty and staff can be found on our website at sph.lsuhsoc.edu.

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