



**5 Year Joint MD/MPH Program at  
The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health  
Sciences (SMHS) and  
The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health  
Services (SPHHS)**

**Description of Program**

George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences applicants and students can apply to the School of Public Health and Health Services to obtain a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in one of the following programs:

- Biostatistics
- Community Oriented Primary Care
- Environmental and Occupational Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Policy
- Health Promotion
- Global Health
- Maternal and Child Health
- Public Health Marketing and Communication
- Public Health Management

The MPH degree is 45 credits in length, however, for joint students six MPH credits are co-credited between the two schools. Joint students do not take PubH 201, Biological Concepts (2 credits). The Medical School accepts PubH 214 Practicum (2 credits) and PubH 215 Culminating Experience (2credits), which fulfills the special project requirement of IDIS 230, 231, 241 and HCS 400 (combined Practice of Medicine III and IV courses, Years 3 and 4). Joint students will enroll in 43 total MPH credits.

Students in the five year joint MD/MPH degree program may begin the MPH portion of the program at any time prior to the beginning of their fourth year in the MD program. All joint students are granted a one year leave of absence from medical school during which between 18 and 27 credits of MPH work are completed. The remaining course work is completed during the summer semesters, coincident with parts of the medical school curriculum, and during the spring semester of the senior year of the MD curriculum when elective credit requirements for the MD degree are waived.

## Application to the MPH Program

SPHHS Admissions Office  
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<b>MPH Application Required Documents</b>	
<a href="http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/admissions/gradadmis.cfm">http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/admissions/gradadmis.cfm</a>	
<b>SOPHAS Application</b> <a href="http://www.sophas.org">www.sophas.org</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SOPHAS Application</li><li>• SOPHAS fee</li><li>• Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended</li><li>• MCAT</li><li>• Personal Statement</li><li>• Resume</li><li>• 2 Letters of Recommendation</li></ul>	<b>SPHHS Secondary Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPHHS Secondary Application</li><li>• SPHHS Secondary Application fee (this fee is waived for MD/MPH applicants who are currently enrolled in the GW Medical School)</li></ul>

### Tuition

Flat Rate Medical School Tuition: Joint MD/MPH students pay the prevailing MD tuition rate based upon their class of graduation during the semesters they are enrolled in Medical School courses.

Per Credit Hour Rate SPHHS Tuition: Joint MD/MPH students are charged only between 33-36 credits of the 45 credit MPH program (depending on the exact scheduling of courses over the program). They pay the per credit hour tuition (expect annual increases in the per credit tuition rate) on this schedule:

- The Medical School Leave of Absence Year
- Summer Sessions
- 6 additional MPH credits are charged at intervals to meet the 33-36 credit payment requirement (regardless of the number of credit hours completed during each academic year).

Note:

With MPH tuition for 2008-2009 is \$1072 per credit, joint students paying for 33-36 credits could expect to save approximately \$9,000 to \$12,000 on standard MPH tuition over the course of the program.

Questions:

SMHS Office of Admissions: 202-994-3506

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Note: All curriculum revisions will be updated immediately on the website <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/>

## Sample Programs

### MPH Beginning Summer Prior to Medical School – Year 1

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
MPH Schedule	Summer Prior to Year 1: 6 MPH credits	Summer Prior to Year 2: 6 MPH credits	Leave of Absence from Medical School: 18 MPH credits	No MPH credits	Final Semester of MD Program: 9 MPH credits
MPH Per Credit Tuition Paid by Joint Student	6 credits	6 credits summer + 1 credit fall+ 1 credit spring	18 credits	1 credit fall + 1 credit spring	1 credit fall + 1 credit spring
TOTAL Tuition = 36 MPH Credits					

### MPH Beginning Summer Prior to Medical School – Year 2

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
MPH Schedule	No MPH credits	Summer Prior to Year 2: 6 MPH credits	Leave of Absence from Medical School: 24 MPH credits	No MPH credits	Final Semester of MD Program: 9 MPH credits
MPH Per Credit Tuition Paid by Joint Student	No MPH Tuition	6 credits summer + 1 credit fall+ 1 credit spring	24 credits	1 credit fall + 1 credit spring	1 credit fall + 1 credit spring
TOTAL Tuition = 36 MPH Credits					

### MPH Beginning Medical School – Year 3

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
MPH Schedule	No MPH credits	No MPH credits	No MPH Credits	Leave of Absence from Medical School: 27 MPH credits	Final Semester of MD Program: 12 MPH credits
MPH Per Credit Tuition Paid by Joint Student	No MPH tuition	No MPH tuition	No MPH tuition	27 credits fall and spring + 1 credit fall + 1 credit spring	2 credits fall + 2 credits spring
TOTAL Tuition = 33 MPH Credits					