

# Joint Degree: MD/MPH

The MD/MPH joint degree is offered by the UC Denver School of Medicine (SOM) and the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH). In addition to receiving the MD, students concurrently receive the master of public health (MPH) in a Colorado School of Public Health concentration: Applied Biostatistics, Community and Behavioral Health, Community Health Education, Environmental and Occupational Health, Epidemiology, or Health Systems, Management and Policy. Up to 12 credits hours from the MD program will count toward completion of the 42 credit hour MPH. In order to help students select courses and successfully complete the joint degree, students are assigned faculty advisors from both SOM and CSPH.

Joint degree students pursue the MPH between years 3 and 4 of their medical education. The program requires an official leave of absence from SOM. The leave lasts three consecutive semesters (summer, fall, spring). During official leave medical school loan obligations will be waived. Students are assessed public health tuition rates for CSPH courses taken in completion of the joint degree. Rates are published at <http://publichealth.ucdenver.edu>.

## Course Work

Course Requirements	Credits
Applied Biostatistics I (BIOS 6601)	3
Epidemiology (EPID 6630)	3
Environmental & Occupational Health (EHOH 6614)	3
Social and Community Factors in Health (CBHS 6610)	3
Health Systems and Management (HSMP 6603)	3
Foundations in Public Health (PUBH 6600)	2
Practicum (PUBH 6606) or equivalent*	2
MPH Masters Project (PUBH 6955) or equivalent*	2
Public Health Concentration/Focus Requirements	12
Public Health Related Electives from SOM Curriculum	9
Optional course: Foundations of Doctoring (IDPT7655) for at least one hour per semester to have the same liability coverage as SOM students for work with preceptors (these credits do not count toward meeting MPH requirements)	nc
<b>Total number of required hours</b>	<b>42</b>

\* It is possible that some of the activities in the SOM curriculum might be used to meet these requirements partially or in full

## Competencies:

In addition to achieving the general MPH and concentration/focus area competencies, graduates of the MD/MPH will be able to:

1. Integrate public health skills and knowledge into the practice of medicine
2. Apply biostatistical and epidemiological methods to assessing the effectiveness of medical treatments
3. Identify the mutual commonalities of medicine and public health and be able to facilitate the communication among professionals in both fields
4. Identify diseases with public health impacts and methods for minimizing their effects on populations
5. Facilitate the translation of medical science discoveries to the provision of public health services

## Admissions

Online Application - CSPH website  
 MCAT Scores  
 Two letters of Recommendation  
 CV or Résumé  
 Statement of Interest  
 \$65 Application Fee

## Office of Academic & Student Affairs

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Admissions Deadline: Jan 15  
 (Dec 15 for early decision)

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