

PharmD/MPH Dual Degree Program

Program Objectives

1. To develop the necessary institutional mechanisms to assist legislative, executive and agency initiatives to address chronic and pervasive health problems through public health education, prevention-oriented health research and health information public service and outreach impacting the public through dually trained professionals;
2. To increase the availability of affordable education and training in public health so that more pharmacists can obtain public health degrees and work to ensure that public health expertise is in available in pharmacy practice;
3. To present UGA Pharmacy students with an additional curricular option for post-graduate positions in public health and pharmacy;
4. To allow pharmacy students to obtain an MPH along with the PharmD with minimal additional tuition and classroom instruction.

Program Requirements

1. Accepted and enrolled in the UGA College of Pharmacy as a student in good standing.
2. Obtained a 4-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution (minimum of Bachelor's degree in any field of study).
3. Submit an application to the College of Public Health in any professional year (SOPHAS). Achieve satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
4. Meet with MPH advisor as required by College of Public Health; meet with Pharmacy advisor at least annually.
5. Successfully complete introductory, elective, and specific track courses for MPH during years P1 – P3 of Pharmacy curriculum; including summers. Complete advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPE) in the P4 year and MPH internship in off block of Fall semester. Capstone project may be completed in Spring of P4 year if all other requirements are met.
6. MPH must be completed within 5 years.

Curriculum:

1. Up to 12 hours of elective and required coursework in the PharmD Curriculum may count as elective hours in the MPH curriculum; MPH courses may also count as PharmD electives.
2. Courses must be listed at the 6000 level or higher to count toward the MPH.
3. Students must register in graduate level PharmD courses to receive credit toward MPH.
4. There are multiple programs of study leading to the Masters in Public Health
 - Epidemiology
 - Biostatistics
 - Gerontology
 - Health Promotion and Behavior
 - Health Policy and Management
 - Emergency Management
5. The MPH curriculum is composed of: 15 hours core requirements, 12-15 hours in the specific program of study, 9 hours electives, 9 hours internship and capstone project.

*If prerequisites met, the internship can be completed in Fall of the 4th Pharmacy year, with permission.