

Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health

The School of Medicine offers a combined MD/MPH program. Please visit the Public Health section of this *Bulletin* for more information.

Applicants should be in the third year of their medical school program. Prior to entering the MPH program, students should have taken courses (up to 11 credit units) that count toward the MPH degree.

The MD/MPH provides medical students with an opportunity to supplement their clinical training with courses and experiences designed to create transdisciplinary competencies related to the improvement of population health. Students learn the basics of public health from the foundations courses. MD/MPH students can also choose from a wide variety of Transdisciplinary Problem-Solving Courses (two are required), and they will participate in small-group public health discussions in Public Health Seminar. The faculty and staff at the Brown School will help guide students toward relevant practicum experiences. At the end of the MPH program, MD/MPH students will complete a two-part capstone course. The capstone course culminates in a learning experience that demonstrates synthesis of foundational and specialized competencies. In addition to completing their course work at Brown, all graduating students are required to sit for the Certification in Public Health exam. Students passing the exam will enter the workforce with CPH credentials that indicate their knowledge of and commitment to the field.

Requirements

Program Format

Medical students will spend their fourth year in the MPH program. The MD/MPH curriculum comprises three full-time semesters of course work (summer, fall, and spring) at the Brown School, followed by the MPH practicum and capstone project. Students will meet the 52 required credit units with the 11 credits earned in the MD program, 40 credits earned at the Brown School, and 1 additional credit earned in either program.

Core MPH Courses

- Cross-cutting Themes in Public Health
- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health
- Health Policy and Administration
- Health Behavior and Health Promotion
- Public Health Seminar I & II