

MD/MPH Joint Degree Program
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and School of Public Health

The College of Medicine and School of Public Health are pleased to offer an opportunity to incoming medical students for admission to an integrated joint degree program granting both the MD and MPH degrees in 4 years.

Program description: Combining the strengths of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and School of Public Health, the MD/MPH joint degree program provides an option for completion of both the MD degree and the MPH degree within 4 years. The joint degree program addresses skills and knowledge to enhance population health through collaboration among multiple health organizations and health professionals. The MD/MPH program prepares graduates to serve as leaders and consultants combining clinical and public health expertise to facilitate achievement of optimal community health outcomes through collaboration among colleagues across medical and public health specialties.

Program admission: The MD/MPH joint degree program application is a supplement to the MD application process, and review of applicants to the MD/MPH Joint Degree Program occurs following admission to the MD program. Students may submit the application during the first term of the College of Medicine curriculum. The additional tuition cost for the joint MD/MPH degree compared to the MD degree alone is \$8,000 for the 4-year program.

Introductory course: Students who wish to consider application to the MD/MPH program are strongly encouraged to enroll in a 2-credit introductory course in the summer prior to matriculation into the College of Medicine, for which tuition is waived during summer 2021.

This introductory course does not require students' presence on campus and will occur in 11 evening online sessions scheduled during 4 weeks from June 23 to July 15, 2021:

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>
June 23: 4 to 7pm	June 29: 4 to 6:30pm June 30: 4 to 7pm July 1: 4 to 6:30pm	July 6: 4 to 6:30pm July 8: 4 to 6:30pm	July 13: 4 to 6:30pm July 14: 4 to 7pm July 15: 4 to 6:30pm

The introductory course focuses on disease outbreak investigation and field epidemiology. Topics addressed include outbreaks of infectious and noninfectious conditions globally and the terms and methods of epidemiological investigation to prevent, control, and research diseases in populations, methods that are often performed as a rapid response to crisis. Included are presentations by physicians working in public health including several associated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS). Students gain an appreciation for many diseases of public health importance such as the COVID-19 pandemic, whooping cough, Ebola hemorrhagic fever, and chemical poisonings, as well as the role of medical and public health detectives in addressing these challenges.

Enrolling in the IPHS 500 seminar (summer 2021): Students taking the summer seminar should fill out a short application for the course through the UIC Summer Session (instructions below):

1. Access the graduate application system via the following link:
<https://applygrad.uic.edu/apply/?sr=9d79c0b3-3635-4d0f-b36e-4181243c163d>
 - a. If you have previously applied for a graduate program at UIC since 2018, you can use the same login as a returning user, otherwise you can create an account.
 - b. After you've logged in with your existing or new account, click Start New Application.
 - i. If you are prompted to select an application type, select "Applications" then "General Application."
2. At the top of the *Background & Residency* page, click the checkbox indicating that you've been provided a Special Use Code, complete the rest of the page, as applicable, then click Continue.
 - a. You'll then be prompted to provide the Special Use Code—**21iphs500**—and can continue to complete the rest of the application.
 - b. Graduate Non-degree applicants are required to upload proof of a Bachelor's or higher degree, which can be a scanned copy of your diploma or a scanned copy of a transcript on which the degree award is noted.
3. The application must be submitted by 6/11/2021 at 11:59 PM (note: application fee will be waived).
4. Students will receive course registration instructions via e-mail by June 18, 2021.

Program curriculum: The MD/MPH joint degree program requires completion of 42 graduate course credits. Up to 12 shared credit hours in the MPH curriculum will apply toward the MD degree. The coursework occurs throughout the 4-year medical curriculum, comprising predominantly online courses on both synchronous online evening schedules and asynchronous online delivery, as well as some in-person courses. A very concentrated, essential portion of the curriculum occurs in the summer free period between the first year (M1) and second year (M2) in the medicine curriculum, and students must commit substantial time to the program during this M1/M2 summer free period. These M1/M2 summer courses and courses during the fourth year (M4) elective periods comprise the most intense time commitment in the MD/MPH program, although courses occur during the second year (M2) and third year (M3) MD curriculum as well.

A 5-year MD/MPH joint degree option is also available, and students enrolling in the 4- year integrated program may later convert to the 5-year program if desired. It is not possible to convert from the 5-year to the 4-year program, and cost of the 5-year program varies from the 4-year program.

The Program core courses and several example electives are:

Determinants of Population Health
Analytic and Research Methods in Public Health

Public Health Systems, Management, and Community Health Methods
Applied Practice Experience in Public Health
Integrative Learning Experience
Inter-professional Education
Public Health Policy and Advocacy
Ethics and Justice in Environmental and Occupational Health
Public Health Policy and Practice
Health Policy for Epidemiologists
Environment, Toxicology, and Disease
Epidemics of Injustice
Population Health for Health Sciences Professionals

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For more information about the MD/MPH joint degree program, please see:

<https://publichealth.uic.edu/academics/joint-degrees/md-mph/>