



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

MD/MPP JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Michigan Medical Degree/Master of Public Policy (MD/MPP) Joint Degree Program is to provide opportunities for students to explore and integrate complementary interests and career goals that combine medicine and public policy and to offer a unique opportunity to understand the intersection of public policy and medicine. Through academic coursework and practical experience, the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy provides students with skills to effectively analyze and manage programs and data. Graduates are prepared to apply these new techniques in the health care arena to improve patient care, to enhance the quality of medical decision making, and to contribute to medical education and training. Medical students will learn to address such policy issues as managing health care costs and access, regulatory requirements, and addressing public health concerns related to topics such as immunizations and disease control.

Program Structure

The University of Michigan MD/MPP Program is a five-year integrated program. Students accepted into the program will spend their first three years in Medical School, completing the M1, M2, and M3 course work. These students will then matriculate to the Ford School of Public Policy to complete the full first year MPP course load as their fourth program year and complete an MPP summer internship between the fourth and fifth program years. In the fifth year, students will spend one semester completing the MD requirements, and the other semester completing the MPP requirements. The MD and MPP degrees will be awarded only after the completion of the requirements of both programs.

Admission Process For Current Medical Students

Current medical students are encouraged to discuss their interest in the MD/MPP Program with the Medical School's Program Coordinator, the Office of Student Programs Counselors, or the Program's Medical School and Ford School advisors. Students should formally apply to the MD/MPP Program by submitting the Medical School's MD/MPP Intent Form at the end of their M2 year or by October 1st of their M3 year. This form may be obtained from the Program Coordinator (atkinsk@umich.edu). At the time the Intent Form is submitted, students will also submit a written personal statement outlining their goals and reasons for pursuing the MD/MPP degree.

Admission to the MD/MPP Program is selective and is not automatic. Applicants are expected to have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and professionalism in Medical School. Applicants must receive Medical School endorsement for admission to the MD/MPP Program through the Clinical Academic Review Board. This process includes rigorous review of the applicant's overall Medical School performance, personal statement, and any other relevant materials.

Students must also formally apply to the Ford School (application deadline is January 15) by completing the standard Rackham application and fulfilling all listed requirements, including a statement of purpose, resume, three letters of recommendation, and transcripts. The Ford School will accept MCAT scores in lieu of the GRE.

Curriculum

See reverse side.

Tuition

Students will work with the appropriate financial aid office dependent upon the school in which they are enrolled for that semester.

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CURRICULUM

Year 1 Standard M1 Curriculum	<p>Semester 1: Patient and Populations, Cells & Tissues, Musculoskeletal, Cardiovascular/Respiratory, Renal, Social and Behavioral Issues in Medicine, Clinical Foundations of Medicine.</p> <p>Semester 2: GI/Liver, Endocrine/Reproduction, Immunology. CNS/Head & Neck, Infectious Diseases/Microbiology, Human Growth & Development, Clinical Foundations in Medicine, Social and Behavioral Issues in Medicine.</p> <p>Suggested: <i>Summer between M1 and M2 Year: Internship at UM Health System or other relevant experience...</i></p>
Year 2 Standard M2 Curriculum	<p>Semester 1: Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Renal, Psychiatry, Neurosciences, Musculoskeletal, Dermatology, Clinical Foundations in Medicine, Social and Behavioral Issues in Medicine.</p> <p>Semester 2: Hematology/Oncology, GI, Endocrine, Reproduction, Clinical Foundations in Medicine, Social and Behavioral Issues in Medicine, M2 CCA.</p> <p>Required <i>Complete Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination between end of M2 year and start of M3 year.</i></p>
Year 3 Required M3 Clinical Clerkships (May-April)	<p>Sequence will vary: Internal Medicine (12 weeks); General Surgery and Pediatrics (8 weeks each); Obstetrics & Gynecology and Psychiatry (6 weeks each); Neurology, Family Medicine (4 weeks each), Seminars in Medicine (year long).</p> <p>Required <i>May-August between M3 and MPPI-1 Year: Complete four months of M4 clinical electives, the USMLE Step 2 examinations (both the Clinical Knowledge and Clinical Skills) and the M4 Comprehensive Clinical Assessment.</i></p>
Year 4 Standard SI-1 Curriculum	<p>Semester 1: PP513 Calculus, PP 555 Microeconomics A or PP559 Accelerated Microeconomics, PP560 Foreign Policy and the Management of International Relations or PP 585 Political Environment of Policymaking, PP 580 Values, Ethics and Public Policy</p> <p>Semester 2: PP 529 Statistics, PP 558 Microeconomics B, PP 587 Public Management, PP 638 Integrated Policy Exercise, PP Elective.</p> <p><i>Summer after Ford School year 1: (between Program Years 4 and 5): Students will complete a 10-week internship to gain policy-relevant experience. MD/MPP Program students will complete their internship in a health care-related setting. The M3 year concludes in late April so MD/MPP students will complete their summer internship during May, June and July. Beginning in August, students will complete their remaining clinical requirements.</i></p>
Year 5 Complete Remaining Medical and Ford School Requirements	<p>Semester 1-Sequence will vary: Subinternship (8 weeks); Emergency Medicine and Advanced Medical Therapeutics (4 weeks each); remaining M4 clinical electives; Interview Month (4 weeks).</p> <p>Semester 2: Ford School electives to complete degree requirements</p>