Public Health Practice: DDS/MPH Dual Degree Program

The Doctor of Dental Surgery/Master of Public Health (DDS/MPH) dual degree program gives you the opportunity to combine dentistry with public health studies. In the process, you’ll learn how to shape a dental practice that serves the whole community. The program requires a minimum of 42 credits.

The DDS/MPH dual degree allows you to transfer up to 14 credits from your dental curriculum, with approval. The remaining 28 credits will be taken as a public health student from the School of Public Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH CORE REQUIREMENTS
16 credits
The basic curriculum courses are offered online and on-campus:

- PubH 6250 Foundations of Public Health (2 cr)
- PubH 6414 Biostatistical Literacy (3 cr and a 1 cr statistical programming course**) or
- PubH 6450 Biostatistics I (4 cr)
- PubH 6320 Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3 cr)
- PubH 6020 Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (2 cr)
- PubH 6102 Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (2 cr)
- PubH 6741 Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1 cr)
- PubH 6751 Principles of Management in Health Services (2 cr)

APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE
PubH 7296 (1-4 credits)

INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCE
PubH 7294 (1-4 credits)

ELECTIVE COURSES
DDS/MPH dual degree students have the opportunity to choose their own graduate elective courses based on their career goals and interests.

The majority of DDS/MPH students complete the elective courses at the Public Health Institute (PHI), which is offered in the last week in May and first weeks in June, during the May session.

PHI offers on-campus courses on a variety of current topics in a concentrated format over three weeks. PHI provides course content that emphasizes research to practice with opportunity for field trips, case studies and simulations. It provides a perfect setting to network with other professionals or explore a new area of interest in public health.

You may attend one to three weeks dependent upon your time and you can complete up to 7 credits at the PHI.

Other elective courses are offered online and on-campus during the fall and spring terms.

** If PubH 6414 taken, a 1 credit statistical programming course needs to be taken as well. Consult with Program Coordinator about course options.