

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, M.M.S. AND PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H. DUAL DEGREE

Saint Louis University's Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) and Physician Assistant Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.) dual-degree program is a collaboration between the College for Public Health and Social Justice (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>) and the Doisy College of Health Sciences Department of Clinical Health Sciences (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/>).

Pursuing the two degrees as a dual degree allows students to complete both degrees in an accelerated fashion as compared to completing them separately or sequentially. Students in the dual degree focus first on the M.P.H., taking three consecutive semesters (summer, fall, spring) of M.P.H. coursework. Then students focus on their M.M.S. studies within the Doisy College of Health Sciences. Six credit hours of coursework in the M.M.S. curriculum also count as elective credits toward completion of the M.P.H. degree, providing the credit efficiency that allows students to complete both degrees in three and a half academic years. Students interested in earning the M.P.H./M.M.S. dual degree apply separately to both programs before starting either one.

SLU's College for Public Health and Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The Physician Assistant Program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA).

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Physician Assistant, M.M.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/physician-assistant-mms/>)

Public Health, M.P.H. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/>)

## Admission Requirements

Students must meet the admission requirements and be admitted into both degree programs according to the processes of each participating academic unit to pursue a dual-degree program.

Individuals may apply to the M.P.H. degree program concurrently with application to or following their admission to the Doisy College of Health Sciences; however, admission to the dual-degree program is contingent upon admission to both the M.P.H. and the M.M.S. degree programs.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information about student loans, please visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

## Accreditation

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Saint Louis University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Saint Louis University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status

granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be June 2033. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-saint-louis-university/>.

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Saint Louis University's College for Public Health and Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). To see the most recent accreditation documentation, please visit the College for Public Health and Social Justice website (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>). (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/about/accreditation.php>)

## Requirements

### Admission Requirements

Students interested in participating in the M.P.H./M.M.S. dual degree program must apply separately to both programs before starting either one.

Students will focus first on the M.P.H., taking three consecutive semesters (summer, fall, and spring) devoted to M.P.H. coursework.

### Program Requirements

Six credit hours of coursework in the M.M.S. curriculum also count as elective credits toward completion of the M.P.H. degree, providing the credit efficiency that allows students to complete both degrees in 3.5 academic years.

### Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Summer</b>		
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2

PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5050	Health Care Across the Life Course: From Policy to Practice	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
BST 5400	Applied Data Management	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	3
BSH 5320	Public Health Advocacy	3
BSH 5400	Assessment, Intervention Development, and Evaluation I	3
PUBH 5910	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
PUBH 5950	Special Study for Examinations	0
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
BLS 5125	Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Medicine	3
PAED 5010	Professional & Psychosocial Issues of Physician Assistant Practice	3
PAED 5040	Physiology	4
PAED 5070	Principles of the Medical Interview	2
PAED 5120	Hematology Fundamentals	2
PAED 5150	Clinical Pharmacology I	2
PAED 5300	Evidence-Based Medicine	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ANAT 5050	Human Gross Anatomy	6
PAED 5110	Dermatology Fundamentals	2
PAED 5130	Otorhinolaryngology and Ophthalmology Fundamentals	3
PAED 5140	Clinical Procedures I	1
PAED 5310	Orthopedics and Rheumatology Fundamentals	3
PAED 5320	Neurology Fundamentals	3
PAED 5231	Gastroenterology Fundamentals I	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Summer</b>		
PAED 5201	Clinical Pharmacology II A	1
PAED 5211	Pulmonary Fundamentals I	2
PAED 5221	Cardiovascular Fundamentals I	2
PAED 5232	Gastroenterology Fundamentals II	2

PAED 5260	Clinical Procedures II	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
PAED 5202	Clinical Pharmacology II B	1
PAED 5212	Pulmonary Fundamentals II	1
PAED 5222	Cardiovascular Fundamentals II	2
PAED 5240	Nephrology and Genitourinary Fundamentals	3
PAED 5250	Endocrinology Fundamentals	3
PAED 5290	Clinical Procedures III	1
PAED 5330	Essentials of Surgery	2
PAED 5340	Essentials of Emergency Medicine	2
PAED 5360	Essentials of Pediatrics	2
PAED 5370	Essentials of Behavioral Medicine	2
PAED 5380	Essentials of Obstetrics and Gynecology	2
PAED 5390	Clinical Reasoning Seminar	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>22</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
PAED 5400	Clinical: Internal Medicine	4
PAED 5420	Clinical: Family Medicine	4
PAED 5510	Clinical: Surgery	4
PAED 5800	Clinical: Emergency Medicine	4
PAED 6000	Graduate Seminar	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PAED 5600	Clinical: Pediatrics	3
PAED 5700	Clinical: Behavioral Medicine	3
PAED 5750	Clinical: Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health	3
PAED 5860	Clinical: Evidence-Based Medicine Clerkship	4
PAED 5890	Clinical: Elective	4
PAED 6000	Graduate Seminar	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>138</b>

## Program Notes

Extended spring semesters run from early January through late June, and extended fall semesters run from late June through December. Also, the six credit hours of coursework taken from the M.M.S. courses PAED 5010, PAED 5070, PAED 5300 and PAED 6000 (x2) also count as elective credits toward the student's M.P.H. degree.

The final semester of dedicated M.P.H. coursework may extend into the summer months prior to the beginning of the M.M.S. coursework as students complete the Practice Experience in Public Health (PUBH 5910).

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