PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, M.M.S. & 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 together 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) devoted entirely to M.P.H. coursework. Then students shift their focus to their M.M.S. studies within the Doisy College of Health Sciences. Nine 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. Students interested in earning the M.P.H./M.M.S. dual degree apply separately to both programs prior to starting either one.

Saint Louis University'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.

Public Health, M.P.H.

Admission Requirements

Students must meet the admission requirements and be admitted into both degree programs according to the processes of each of the participating academic units 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 financial services office online at https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/index.php (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/).

Accreditation

Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)

http://www.arc-pa.org (http://www.arc-pa.org/)

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant has granted Accreditation-Continued to the 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 2023. 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 (http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-saint-louis-university/).

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Most recent CEPH Self-Study - July 2016

Self-Study (http://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/pdfs/cphsj_self_study_august_2015_report.pdf)

Roadmap

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**Year Two**

**Fall**

- 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

**Credits** 11

**Spring**

- ANAT 5050 Human Gross Anatomy 6
- PAED 5110 Dermatology Fundamentals 2
- PAED 5130 Otorhinolaryngology and Ophthalmology Fundamentals 3
- PAED 5310 Orthopedics and Rheumatology Fundamentals 3
- PAED 5320 Neurology Fundamentals 3
- PAED 5231 Gastroenterology Fundamentals I 1

**Credits** 18

**Year Three**

**Summer**

- 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

**Credits** 7

**Fall**

- 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 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

**Credits** 20

**Spring**

- PAED 5400 Clinical: Internal Medicine 4
- PAED 5420 Clinical: Family Medicine 4
- PAED 5510 Clinical: General Surgery 4
- PAED 5800 Clinical: Emergency Medicine 4

- PAED 6000 Graduate Seminar 1

**Year Four**

**Fall**

- 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 5930 Clinical: Elective 4
- PAED 6000 Graduate Seminar 1

**Credits** 18

**Total Credits** 131

Program notes: Extended spring semesters run from early January through late June, and extended fall semesters run from late June through December. Also, the nine 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).

**Contact Us**

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