

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

Saint Louis University's Master of Public Health and Physician Assistant Master of Medical Science 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 towards 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 MPH/MMS 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 in order 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)

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Johns Creek, GA 30097  
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<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 March 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](http://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/pdfs/cphsj_self_study_august_2015_report.pdf))

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## 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 5930	Special Topics	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
HMP 5000	Health Care Organization	3

HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3	PAED 5340	Essentials of Emergency Medicine	2
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3	PAED 5360	Essentials of Pediatrics	2
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3	PAED 5370	Essentials of Behavioral Medicine	2
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	2	PAED 5380	Essentials of Obstetrics and Gynecology	2
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3		<b>Credits</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
	<b>Spring</b>		PAED 5400	Clinical: Internal Medicine	4
HCE 5020	Ethical Issues in Public Health	2	PAED 5420	Clinical: Family Medicine	4
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3	PAED 5510	Clinical: General Surgery	4
PUBH 5910	Practice Experience in Public Health	3	PAED 5800	Clinical: Emergency Medicine	4
PUBH 5950	Special Study for Examinations	0	PAED 6000	Graduate Seminar	1
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3		<b>Credits</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>Year Four</b>	
	<b>Year Two</b>			<b>Fall</b>	
	<b>Fall</b>		PAED 5600	Clinical: Pediatrics	3
BLS 5125	Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Medicine	3	PAED 5700	Clinical: Behavioral Medicine	3
PAED 5010	Professional & Psychosocial Issues of Physician Assistant Practice	3	PAED 5750	Clinical: Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health	3
PAED 5040	Physiology	4	PAED 5860	Clinical: Evidence-Based Medicine Clerkship	4
PAED 5070	Principles of the Medical Interview	2	PAED 5930	Clinical: Elective	4
PAED 5120	Hematology Fundamentals	2	PAED 6000	Graduate Seminar	1
PAED 5150	Clinical Pharmacology I	2		<b>Credits</b>	<b>18</b>
PAED 5300	Evidence-Based Medicine	2		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>131</b>
	<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 5310	Orthopedics and Rheumatology Fundamentals	3			
PAED 5320	Neurology Fundamentals	3			
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>17</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 5230	Gastroenterology Fundamentals	3			
	<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 5330	Essentials of Surgery	2			

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 MMS courses PAED 5010, PAED 5070, PAED 5300 and PAED 6000 (x2) also count as elective credits towards the student's MPH degree.

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