This is an exciting time to be embarking on a career in healthcare. While treating illness and healing injuries will always be important, today there is a growing urgency to do more to prevent illness and protect populations. The model for how we help people be healthy is transforming, and you have an opportunity to help shape that change.

To prepare physicians who want to make a vital difference in the health of individuals and populations, IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health has partnered with IU School of Medicine to offer two educational programs that combine an MD degree with training in public health. The programs can be completed concurrently with your medical education, giving you expanded career options upon graduation and throughout your career.

**Why Add Public Health To Your Education?**
Many graduates of our programs divide their careers between direct medical care to individuals and public health practice in their communities. With a Master of Public Health (MPH) or a Graduate Certificate in Public Health, you not only are qualified for this type of interesting and meaningful work, but you are prepared to provide comprehensive care to a community and you make yourself more marketable for a wide variety of careers, including global health, hospital leadership, health policy, non-profit management, environmental health, refugee and immigrant health, and health research and teaching.

**About Our Programs**

**MD-MPH (Master of Public Health)**
The MD-MPH degree is designed to be completed in five years. Because this is a coordinated program, a number of the 45 MPH required credits are shared with MD credits. Students choose one concentration from among the five core areas of public health: Biostatistics, Environmental Health Science, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management or Social and Behavioral Sciences. The innovative curriculum addresses key issues driving public health practice and policy today, including infectious disease control, injury control, and chronic disease prevention and health promotion. The five core MPH classes are offered online and should be completed during the summer between the first and second years of medical school. The remaining public health courses are typically taken during the fourth year. Experiential components provide opportunities to apply learning in projects and research that directly impact the health of communities. Projects can be undertaken anywhere in Indiana and through IU global health partnerships.

**MD-Graduate Certificate in Public Health**
The MD-Graduate Certificate in Public Health can be completed in just four years. The certificate is comprised of the five core public health courses, which are available online and are completed between the first and second years of medical school. Students receive a solid grounding in Biostatistics, Environmental Public Health, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**Stipends**
Students may apply for stipends to partially offset the cost of the MPH courses.

**Application Process**
If you are interested in the joint MD-MPH degree, it is recommended (but not required) that you specify this on your AAMCAS application. You can apply to the MPH or Graduate Certificate program during the fall or spring semester of the first year in medical school. Other interested applicants or those on different schedules should contact us to discuss individualized options.

**For More Information**
To learn more about the MD-MPH degree or the MD-Graduate Certificate in Public Health, please call (317) 274-3126, e-mail Carole Kacius, PhD, at kacius@iu.edu or visit www.pbhealth.iupui.edu.
SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI

Jen Walthall, MD, MPH
Indiana State Department of Health
Deputy State Health Commissioner and
Director for Health Outcomes

Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine
and Pediatrics for the IU School of Medicine

“The ability to apply classroom public health knowledge
to real world practice in medicine immediately makes this
program incredibly unique. I was armed at graduation to
begin service as a public health practitioner for individual
patients, scholarship development and program building.”

ENGAGED FACULTY

Peter Nalin, MD
Indiana University School of Medicine
Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs

“There’s no question that the practice of medicine is
changing... today there is an unprecedented focus on
prevention. Medical students who pursue the MD-MPH
joint degree will be well prepared to be successful in the
new healthcare model, and they will be the leaders in
finding vitally needed new solutions for improving
population health. With an engaging curriculum taught by
an outstanding faculty and a generous stipend to offset
tuition costs, this joint degree truly offers a career path of
both service and leadership.”

INSPIRED STUDENTS

Chris Bosma
MD-MPH Student

“I wanted to learn about health as a comprehensive
system... that’s something which the MD-MPH dual
degree is uniquely suited to teach. Not only does the
program teach you clinical competence, but it also teaches
a comprehensive population view of health. The real-life
examples offered by the professors bring to life the
concepts being discussed theoretically in class. I would
recommend the MD-MPH dual degree to anyone who
wants to expand their view of health with a complementary
discipline to traditional medical school curriculum.”

Senaka Ratnayake
MD-MPH Student

“I believe the MD-MPH dual degree can help me develop a
population view of patient health and help me address
issues of access and personal health habits in the context
of social, economic and cultural influences. I have enjoyed
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Hanna Webb
MD-MPH Student

“I am pursuing the MD-MPH dual degree because I am
passionate about bridging the gap between public health
issues and patient-centered clinical practice. I know this
program will help me in the future, both in clinical practice
and in expanding my career into other domains, such as
research or policy, allowing me to make a positive impact
on many peoples’ lives. I have found it easy to get
individual attention from advisors and professors, who
have gone out of their way to help me succeed. I would
recommend the MD-MPH dual degree program to medical students because it is an awesome way to gain a
new perspective on medicine.”

Ikechukwu Okafo
MD-MPH Student

“With the increasing emphasis on a multi-disciplinary
approach to healthcare, pursuing the MD-MPH degree
will grant me a full orbited view of the public health issues I
will grapple with as a practicing physician. I have enjoyed
the diversity of the course offerings, the academic rigor
and the real world approach that the professors bring to
tear, and the flexibility offered to students in the way
courses are structured. The public health degree picks up
where the medical degree stops. The MD-MPH physician
is the future of a modern medicine that is both local in
application and global in scope. I encourage incoming
medical students to consider a dual degree because it
offers an opportunity to get involved in life-changing
research, influence policy at the state or national level
and apply your skills as a physician in settings where you
can make a distinct difference.”

Megan Ishikawa
MD-MPH Student

“The MD-MPH dual degree program provides the clinical
skills necessary for treating individuals, in addition to
improving disease prevention within populations. I have
appreciated the individualized attention given by the staff
and professors at the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of
Public Health. They have helped me tailor the MPH
program to my specific interests and career goals. I would
definitely recommend the MD-MPH dual degree to other
students. These two programs complement each other
wonderfully, since medicine concerns the individual
whereas public health concerns entire populations.”