

# Dual Degrees of Excellence



The Ohio State University College of Medicine offers five dual-degree programs for students interested in combining their medical degree with an additional degree in a separate graduate program—the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP), which is a combined MD and PhD program; the MD/MBA, the MD/JD, the MD/MHA and the MD/MPH.

Students choose combined degree programs to gain special training as a means to a focused career, as an enhancement of their options within the clinical practice of medicine, or simply because they value the additional understanding of the system-wide aspects of health care in a way that complements their own practice of medicine in private or academic settings.

## **THE MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM (MSTP)**

at Ohio state is designed to recruit, train and nurture physician scientists who will become leaders in the health professions. The program focuses on the flexible curriculum that provides rigorous training in the scientific method integrated with an exceptional clinical medical program. The Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program (IBGP), the Biomedical Engineering (BME) Program, and the Neuroscience Graduate Studies Program (NGSP) work very closely with the MSTP program at all stages, from recruiting through to graduation with both degrees.

This program allows students to complete the dual degree requirements within an average of eight years. Students are recruited on the basis of outstanding scholastic and research achievement and demonstrated commitment to medicine. All students in the MSTP program receive full financial support with an annual stipend, together with paid tuition and fees.

Applicants interested in this program must designate intent on the AMCAS application by Nov. 1, submit the Ohio State secondary application by Dec. 1, and take the Graduate Record Examination (if required by the graduate program) prior to Jan. 15.

**THE MD/MBA PROGRAM** is designed to prepare future physicians to meet the challenges of business administration and financial issues in the practice of medicine in physician offices, hospitals, healthcare systems and the biotechnology industry. Graduates may choose to apply their degree through involvement in group practices, hospitals, health systems, managed care companies, biotechnology companies or consulting firms in administrative positions such as senior executives, medical directors or consultants.

MD/MBA candidates should apply to the MBA program during Autumn Quarter of their Med 2 year (prior to the mid-January deadline). This includes the GMAT exam and the standard MBA program application and paying an application fee to the University Admissions Office.

For more details, or to request additional application materials, contact the MBA Program Coordinator in the Fisher College of Business at (614) 292-8511, [fishergrad@cob.osu.edu](mailto:fishergrad@cob.osu.edu), [fisher.osu.edu/mba](http://fisher.osu.edu/mba) or the Associate Dean for Medical Education in the College of Medicine at (614) 292-5126, [medicine.osu.edu](http://medicine.osu.edu).

**THE MD/JD PROGRAM** prepares future physicians who may choose to apply their degree through involvement in hospitals, health systems, HMO's or group practices in administrative positions such as chief executive officers, lawyers, medical directors or administrative consultants. Graduates of the program gain a variety of legal skills specifically designed to be applicable in the health services setting.

MD/JD candidates should apply to the JD program during Autumn Quarter of their Med 2 year. This includes the LSAT exam, a Law School application, and remission of an application fee to the University Admissions Office.

For more details, contact the MHA Graduate Program Coordinator in the College of Public Health at (614) 292-8193, [hsmp@osu.edu](mailto:hsmp@osu.edu), [cph.osu.edu/academics/mha.cfm](http://cph.osu.edu/academics/mha.cfm) or the Associate Dean for Medical Education in the College of Medicine at (614) 292-5126, [medicine.osu.edu](http://medicine.osu.edu) with any questions or to request additional application materials.

**THE MD/MHA PROGRAM** is designed to prepare future physicians to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing healthcare system. Graduates of this program gain a variety of analytical and managerial skills specifically designed to be applicable in the health services setting. This training may be used in a number of ways, whether as an enhancement of options within the clinical practice of medicine (e.g., as the managing partner in a group practice or medical director of a health plan) or as the means to a focused career in management or policy (e.g., chief executive of a hospital or HMO, or senior health policy official).

Contact the MHA graduate program coordinator for an informal review of the MHA application to allow for adequate planning time (e.g., to take the accounting prerequisite). Formal application occurs during Autumn Quarter of the Med 2 year. This includes completing an Ohio State University Graduate application and paying an application fee to the University Admissions Office.

For more details, contact the MHA Graduate Program Coordinator in the College of Public Health at (614) 292-8193, [hsmp@osu.edu](mailto:hsmp@osu.edu), [cph.osu.edu/academics/mha.cfm](http://cph.osu.edu/academics/mha.cfm) or the Associate Dean for Medical Education in the College of Medicine at (614) 292-5126, [medicine.osu.edu](http://medicine.osu.edu) with any questions or to request additional application materials.

**THE MD/MPH PROGRAM** simultaneously prepares students for the professional practice of medicine in both the traditional individual patient setting and the broader population health context. Depending on the student's choice of specialization within the MPH, the program could

lead to a wide variety of career options. Challenging and exciting opportunities exist in both the public and private sectors, working on issues as diverse as bioterrorism, cancer prevention, workplace injuries and quality improvement in health services. Many MD/MPH graduates assume leadership roles in government agencies, academic medicine, health policy and research.

An additional medical training pathway is available to MD/MPH graduates, who may complete a post-MD clinical year and then a preventive medicine residency training program, for which the MPH will meet the "academic phase" requirement of the American Board of Preventive Medicine. Wonderful domestic and international opportunities are open to physicians who are board-certified in preventive medicine.

Applicants interested in this combined degree program should contact the Office of Academic Programs in the College of Public Health at (614) 293-3907, [sph@osu.edu](mailto:sph@osu.edu), [cph.osu.edu/academics/mph.cfm](http://cph.osu.edu/academics/mph.cfm) or the Associate Dean for Medical Education in the College of Medicine at (614) 292-5126, [medicine.osu.edu](http://medicine.osu.edu) with any questions or to request additional application materials.

**Note:** Students interested in pursuing the MD/MBA, MD/JD, MD/MHA, or MD/MPH must be admitted separately to both programs prior to acceptance in the combined degree program.

Application materials and additional information may be obtained from:

Medical Scientist Training Program: (614) 292-7790  
[www.biomed.osu.edu/mdphd](http://www.biomed.osu.edu/mdphd)

IBGP Program: (614) 292-0857  
[www.biomed.osu.edu/ibgp](http://www.biomed.osu.edu/ibgp)

Biomedical Engineering: (614) 292-7152  
[www.bme.ohio-state.edu/bmeweb3/index.html](http://www.bme.ohio-state.edu/bmeweb3/index.html)

Neuroscience Graduate Studies Program: (614) 292-2379  
[ngsp.osu.edu](http://ngsp.osu.edu)