
Section 10: Joint Degree Programs

Students must successfully complete the entire curriculum within six years of their starting date. Otherwise, they will be subject to dismissal from the College of Medicine (see “The Six-Year Rule” in the Graduation section of this handbook). Students enrolled in dual degree programs or research fellowships are granted a renewal waiver from the six-year rule for completion of requirements for the MD degree based on successful progress in the alternative program.

Note: Students seeking a leave of absence (LOA) for any of the college’s combined degree programs must first set up an appointment with the Associate Dean for Medical Education (or designee) or for Student Life in the medical student education office (614-685-3059) to ensure that they will not face difficulties with the Six-Year Rule. Further clarification of LOAs can be found in the Student Life section of this handbook.

MD/MHA

The Doctor of Medicine/Master of Health Administration (MD/MHA) combined degree program prepares future physicians to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing health care system. The program is typically completed in five years, adding one more year than the traditional medical training, but one less than if the two degrees were pursued separately.

A student in the MD/MHA combined degree program spends years 1 and 2 in medical school, completing the preclinical curriculum and passing Step 1 of the USMLE. Year 3 is devoted to full-time graduate study in the MHA curriculum. In year 4, the student returns to the medical school curriculum for the third-year clinical clerkships. Year 5 focuses on completion of fourth-year electives and rotations for the MD degree and an integrative writing project and any remaining course work for the MHA.

Formal application to the MHA program should be made prior to February 15 of student’s second year in medical school. This includes completing the MHA Application via HAMPCAS or SOPHAS, completing an Ohio State Graduate Application and paying a nonrefundable application fee to the Graduate Admissions Office.

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MD/MPH

The Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health (MD/MPH) simultaneously prepares students for the professional practice of medicine in both the traditional individual patient setting and the broader population health context. The combined degrees can be completed within five years of beginning study.

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. The MPH would meet the “academic phase” requirement of the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

A student in the MD/MPH combined degree program spends years 1 and 2 in medical school, completing the preclinical curriculum and passing Step 1 of the USMLE. Year 3 is devoted to full-time graduate study in the MPH curriculum. In year 4, the student returns to the medical school curriculum for the third-year clinical clerkships. Year 5 focuses on completion of fourth-year electives and rotations for the MD degree and a field practice placement and a culminating requirement (typically a comprehensive examination or applied research project) for the MPH.

Formal application to the MPH program should be made during fall semester of the student’s second year in medical school. This includes completing the College of Public Health application through SOPHAS, as well as the required Ohio State Graduate Application and paying a nonrefundable application fee to the Graduate Admissions Office.

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MD/MBA

The Doctor of Medicine/Master of Business Administration (MD/MBA) prepares future physicians to meet the challenges of business administration and financial issues in the practice of medicine in physician offices, hospitals, and health care systems. The two degrees would normally require six years if taken separately; the MD/MBA can be completed within five years of beginning study.

Years 1 and 2 are spent completing the preclinical studies in the medical curriculum and passing Step 1 of the USMLE. During the second year of medical school, the student takes the GMAT exam and applies to the Fisher College of Business MBA program. The applicant, if accepted into graduate school, then competes for entry into the MD/MBA program on the basis of merit. Year 3 is devoted to full-time graduate study in the MBA curriculum. In year 4, the student returns to the medical school curriculum for the third-year clinical clerkships. Year 5 focuses on completion of fourth-year electives and rotations for the MD degree and remaining credit hours for the MBA.

The MD/MBA candidate should apply to the MBA program during fall semester of his or her second year in medical school. This includes taking the GMAT exam and submitting an MBA application (the latter fee is waived). Interested students must also complete an application form provided by the College of Medicine through the Associate Dean for Medical Education.

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MD/JD

The Doctor of Medicine/Juris Doctor (MD/JD) prepares future physicians to meet the challenges of legal issues in physician offices, hospitals, comprehensive medical centers, and health care-related industries. The two degrees would normally require seven years if taken separately; the MD/JD combined degree program takes six years from beginning of study.

Years 1 and 2 are spent completing the preclinical studies in the medical curriculum and passing Step 1 of the USMLE. During the second year of medical school, the student takes the LSAT exam and applies to the Moritz College of Law JD degree program. The applicant, if accepted into law school, then competes for entry into the MD/JD program on the basis of merit. Year 3 is devoted to full-time graduate study in the J.D. curriculum. In year 4, the student returns to the medical school curriculum for the third-year clinical clerkships. Years 5 and 6 focus on completing fourth-year electives and rotations for the MD degree and remaining credit hours for the JD.

The MD/JD candidate should apply to the JD program during fall quarter of his or her second year in medical school. This includes taking the LSAT exam and submitting a law school application (the latter fee is waived).

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MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM

The Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) involves rigorous training in both clinical medicine and basic research that leads to both the MD and PhD degrees (see the “Research” section of this handbook). Prospective candidates must first be admitted to the College of Medicine and an OSU graduate program, usually the Integrated Biomedical Science Graduate Program, Biomedical Engineering, or Neuroscience. Students planning to conduct their dissertation research in any other graduate program must have the curriculum designed before an admission can be made. A complete description of the MSP, including admission requirements and the curriculum, is at <https://medicine.osu.edu/mstp/pages/index.aspx#>.

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