Dual Degrees of Excellence

The Ohio State University College of Medicine offers five combined-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 core graduate programs, which include the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program (BSGP), 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.

The MSTP does partner with a number of additional PhD programs across Ohio State’s campuses. Students interested in research that falls outside the core graduate programs should contact the MSTP office to discuss additional opportunities. 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 Fisher College of Business MBA program during Autumn Semester of their Med 2 year (prior to the February 15 deadline). This includes the GMAT or the GRE exam and the standard MBA program application and fee.

The Fisher College of Business also offers a 12-hour Graduate Minor in Business in Health Science designed to provide a well-rounded business foundation to health sciences students. The business minor courses will be offered during the summer term, which allows students to complete the minor without any academic conflicts with the student’s health sciences degree program schedule.

For more details, or to request additional application materials, contact the Fisher Graduate Programs office at (614) 292-8511 or the Associate Dean for Medical
Education in the College of Medicine at (614) 292-5126, mba@fisher.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 settings.

MD/JD candidates should apply to the JD program during Autumn Semester 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 information, go to moritzlaw@osu.edu/programs/jointdegree.php.

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).

MD/MHA candidates should apply to the MHA program during autumn semester of their Med 2 year. This includes completing the SOPHAS application as well as the Ohio State supplemental application. For more details, contact the MHA Graduate Program Coordinator in the College of Public Health at 614-292-8350, cph@cph.osu.edu, cph.osu.edu/prospective-students/dual-combined-degrees, or the Associate Dean for Medical Education in the OSU College of Medicine at (614) 292-5126, 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. The most practical combined option is with a specialization in either Clinical Translational Science or Health Services Management and Policy. However, 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.

MD/MPH candidates should apply to the MPH program during autumn semester of their Med 2 year. This includes completing the SOPHAS application as well as the Ohio State supplemental application. For more details, contact the Coordinator of Graduate Recruitment in the College of Public Health at 614-292-8350, cph@cph.osu.edu, cph.osu.edu/prospective-students/dual-combined-degrees, or the Associate Dean for Medical Education in the OSU College of Medicine at (614) 292-5126, 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 http://biomed.osu.edu/mdphd