



Make a difference.

Join the PharmD/MPH Program

- > Understand healthcare issues on a population level
- > Be more competitive for residency programs
- > Choose one of 6 exciting public health concentrations

“Later in my career, I took coursework in public health as part of a certificate program to train clinical scientists. While I wanted to learn more about study design and biostatistics, other required coursework reminded me of how valuable and necessary public health training is for any health professional-- pharmacy is no exception.”

Brian L. Erstad, Pharm.D.
Professor & Interim Department Head
University of Arizona College of Pharmacy



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“The Master of Public Health (MPH) training opens up wonderful service and research opportunities for clinicians. In particular, pharmacists can contribute in pharmacoepidemiologic studies of drug efficacy and safety, design of medication and pharmacist interventions, evaluation of clinical service and collaborative practice programs, and implementation of global health initiatives.”

Grace M. Kuo, PharmD, MPH, PhD, FCCP

Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy & Associate Dean for Academic Clinical Affairs
Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences | University of California, San Diego

What is public health?

According to the American Public Health Association, “Public health is the practice of preventing disease and promoting good health within groups of people, from small communities to entire countries.” Public health fits nicely with the training and background of pharmacists.



What is the role of pharmacists in public health?

Pharmacists have a large role to play in public health. In fact, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists has a position statement on this topic (<http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/BestPractices/SpecificSt-PubHlth.aspx>). Pharmacists engage in public health activities every day, such as smoking cessation counseling, administering flu shots, participating in wellness programs and involvement with health policy.



Why would obtaining a MPH degree be of benefit to me as a pharmacist?

An MPH degree will help to differentiate you from other new pharmacy graduates. With an MPH degree, you will gain new knowledge, skills and abilities and will learn to understand healthcare issues from a population or systems level. Given the tightening job market for pharmacists and the limited number of pharmacy residency positions, obtaining a MPH degree is a smart choice, whether you intend to practice as a pharmacist directly after graduation or pursue a residency.

“The Master of Public Health degree has been a significant benefit to me along with my PharmD degree. The MPH added a broader perspective of the health care delivery system and added content on delivery and administration of health care applicable to all disciplines. It made me a much more confident Director of Pharmacy. Because my program had enrollees from the disciplines of medicine, nursing, environmental health and others it increased my appreciation for collaboration and inter professional partnering.”

Marianne Ivey, PharmD, MPH

Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy

What kinds of new skills will I learn with a MPH?

All students in the PharmD/MPH will learn the three core functions (assessment, policy development and assurance) and ten essential services (such as inform, educate and empower people about health issues) of Public Health. In addition, you are able to choose one of six concentration areas:

- > Biostatistics
- > Environmental & Occupational Health
- > Epidemiology
- > Family & Child Health
 - Maternal & Child Health
 - Global Health
- > Health Behavior & Health Promotion
- > Public Health Policy & Management

Are there any pharmacists who are faculty members at the College of Public Health?

Yes, there is one pharmacist who is also a faculty member in public health:

Dr. Howard Eng > <http://publichealth.arizona.edu/directory/Howard-Eng>

Timeline

The PharmD/MPH program is a 5 year program designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree.

Tuition & Fees

Students in the PharmD/MPH program pay basic tuition (based on state residency), as well as 75% of differential tuition for both programs. Base tuition and university fees also apply.

Questions?

Visit <http://publichealth.arizona.edu/academics/dual-degrees> or contact Amy Glicken, MPH, Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator, at coph-admit@email.arizona.edu or 520.626.3201.



MPH Admissions Criteria

- > Bachelor's degree with 3.0 GPA
- > One college-level biology course
- > One college algebra, statistics, or calculus course
- > Statement of purpose and objectives
- > Resume/CV
- > Work or volunteer experience strengthens all applications
- > 3 letters of recommendation
- > PCAT scores
- > TOEFL/IELTS scores for international applicants
- > Some concentrations have additional course requirements

MPH Deadlines

Priority > January 3

Secondary > March 1

MPH Application Process

Students must apply to and be admitted to both programs.

Apply online at SOPHAS > www.sophas.org

Supplemental application > www.grad.arizona.org