

Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health Program

Program Description

For qualified students at the College of Pharmacy, Mercer University provides an opportunity to pursue a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree concurrently with the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The MPH degree is earned through Mercer's College of Health Professions (CHP).

The MPH degree program is designed to transform students into competent, passionate professionals ready to tackle the complex and dynamic challenges of public health in neighborhoods and populations in the U.S. and world. The MPH degree is designed to complement the Pharm.D. degree in a manner that will broaden the occupational and professional opportunities of the prospective graduate in community, industry, or institutional practice. The program has been carefully designed to permit concurrent pursuit of both the Pharm.D. and the MPH curriculum.

Program Outcomes/Objectives

The outcomes of the Pharm.D. degree program also apply to the Pharm.D./MPH Program. The MPH Program has been passionately committed to the educational development of public health professionals who are challenged to confront complex health issues, such as improving access to healthcare, controlling infectious diseases, and reducing environmental hazards, violence, substance abuse, and injury.

Admissions Requirements

In order to apply for admission to the MPH Program, a Doctor of Pharmacy student must have completed a bachelor's degree or 120 hours of college credit. At 120 hours of college credit, the Doctor of Pharmacy student is considered to have the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in terms of a focused record of study.

Admission requirements for the MPH Program follow those outlined on the College of Health Professions MPH Program Admissions website (<https://chp.mercer.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements/>). MPH Program applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). At the time of application, students submit GRE scores and a completed application through the Centralized Application Service for Public Health (SOPHAS Express; <https://sophasexpress.liaisoncas.com/>).

Academic Advisement and Progression

Faculty in the College of Pharmacy and College of Health Professions provide academic advisement for students pursuing the Pharm.D./MPH Program. Students admitted into the Pharm.D./MPH Program are required to meet with the Director of the Public Health Program, or designee, to discuss the program requirements prior to enrollment in their first MPH course.

Pharm.D./MPH Program students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and maintain good academic standing in the Pharm.D. Program throughout their enrollment in the MPH Program. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or above in all public health courses.

While Doctor of Pharmacy students may opt to pursue the Pharm.D./MPH Program at any time during their Pharm.D. Program enrollment and can complete the MPH coursework at their own pace, they must maintain full-time status in the Pharm.D. Program and must complete the MPH Program within five (5) years of initial enrollment in the MPH Program.