

Public Health at VCU:

- Offers innovative, rigorous educational offerings flexible enough to meet diverse student needs
- Provides a thriving transdisciplinary research base in which students will participate
- Works synergistically with state and local public health practitioners to provide opportunities for translating research to public health practice

Graduate public health programs include the MPH degree, with courses offered by the VCU public health departments. Dual MPH programs with medicine, pharmacy, and social work are available. VCU public health departments offer doctoral degrees in biostatistics, epidemiology, healthcare policy and research, and social and behavioral health.

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Located in the heart of Richmond

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Visit these web sites for information on:

Graduate admissions:

<http://graduate.admissions.vcu.edu/>

Graduate program information:

<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/>

Tuition and fees:

<http://accounting.vcu.edu/tuition/>

VCU academic calendar:

<http://academiccalendars.vcu.edu/>

VCU courses:

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PharmD MPH



Dual Degree in Pharmacy & Public Health

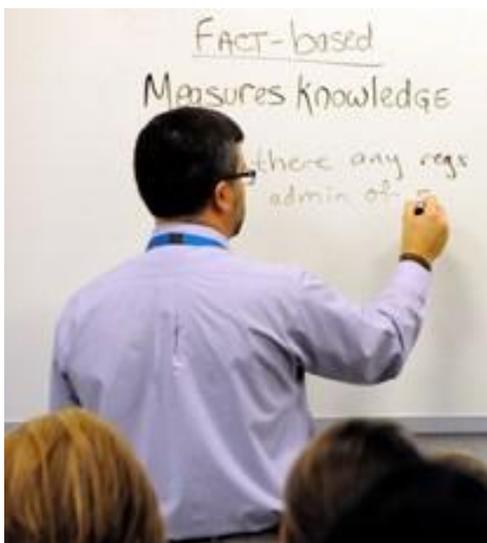


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MPH/PharmD Dual Degree Program

The dual degree of Pharmacy and Public Health is designed for students who want to combine their expertise in the area of pharmaceutical care with the perspective of benefit to populations, not just individuals. The area of drugs in society is an important one. Pharmacogenetics and pharmacoepidemiology are receiving increased research focus, and the concept of targeting drugs to specific population groups is becoming a reality. Students in pharmacy should be aware of how these issues affect the health of the public.

The program gives students the skills, knowledge, and competencies necessary to understand the needs of populations; perform program planning and evaluation; understand the effects of contemporary issues and health policies on the public's health; and provide care and services to prevent disease and promote the health of populations.



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Public Health: Why choose it?

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is a professional degree that prepares students for careers in public health, a multidisciplinary field dedicated to maintaining and improving the health of populations in communities, regions, and around the world. Pharmacists with public health knowledge may find such careers as:

- Pharmacist in the U.S. Public Health Service, at agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- State health department pharmacist
- Pharmaceutical researcher in the private sector
- Non-profit health advocacy analyst
- Academic researcher
- Community-based pharmacist

MPH Program Mission

The mission of the MPH Program is to engage students in an experiential, learner-centered environment, collaborate with public health partners in central Virginia to promote health equity and community wellness, and foster life-long inquiry and discovery in interdisciplinary, translational research that improves human health.

What is involved?

Students in the dual degree program spend five years completing both degrees. After three years of Pharmacy school, they transition into the MPH Program to complete 36 credits of course work. During the fifth year, special advanced practice experiences in approved public health settings are completed.

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Health & Pharmacy Rotation -

Students complete a five-week rotation focusing on the intersection of pharmacy practice and public health. Student tasks could involve:

- Interning in a public health pharmacy
- Reviewing the state AIDS Drug Assistance Program
- Assisting the Virginia Department of Health's Division of Immunization efforts and becoming familiar with influenza vaccination programs
- During the Virginia General Assembly legislative session, identifying, evaluating and following bills related to public health pharmacy
- Engaging in health education and promotion work at a free clinic.

Application

Students apply during their third year of the PharmD Program by submitting an application through SOPHAS, www.sophas.org, and a supplemental application to VCU Graduate Admissions. Students may submit PCAT scores in lieu of the required GRE scores. More details on the application process are available by visiting

<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/professional-studies/pharmacy/pharmacy-pharmd-public-health-mph-combined/>

