PHARMD/MPH DUAL DEGREE

Overview

The role of the pharmacist continues to expand and pharmacists are now an integral part of the healthcare team. The PharmD/MPH degree is in response to that expanding role. It is offered in partnership with the Colorado School of Public Health.

University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences entry-level PharmD students are welcome to apply to pursue a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in addition to their PharmD degree. A student **can apply in the second (P2) or fourth (P4) year** of pharmacy school. A student applying in the P2 year will take a one year leave of absence to complete coursework at the Colorado School of Public Health, and then re-enter the PharmD program as a P3 student. A student applying in the P4 year will engage in coursework for their MPH after completing their PharmD degree.

To learn more about this dual degree, please click **here (https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/colorado-school-public-health/dual-degree-programs/#pharmdmphtext)** to view the full information within the **Colorado School of Public Health** portion of the academic catalog.

Admissions Requirements

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To be considered for this program, a student must:

1. Have a bachelor's degree (Note that SSPPS PharmD students are able to obtain a bachelor's degree if they did not earn one prior to acceptance to the Pharm. D. Program. For information regarding this program, please go to the following URL: BSMS Application (https://web.cvent.com/event/7246c593-4d11-4e7b-a51d-ea2f1cb77823/summary))
2. Have a cumulative GPA (including required and elective coursework) of at least 3.0 in the courses of the pharmacy program at the end of the first professional year (for P2 applicant) or third professional (P3) year (for P4 applicant)
3. Be in good academic standing and have no professional or conduct violations at the SSPPS

In the application process, a student will select an area of focus for the MPH.

The deadline for applications is in January, check back here for deadline updates.

An application to the PharmD/MPH program includes:

- Completion of an online program application - contact admissions.CSPH@ucdenver.edu to apply
- Application fee
- A statement of interest
- Official copies of undergraduate and professional program transcripts
- PCAT, MCAT, GRE scores (or equivalent, see below)
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Two current letters of recommendation specifically related to the student's interest and capacity for success in the PharmD/MPH program
- A letter from the CU Pharmacy Office of Student Services (OSS) (http://pharmacy.cuanschutz.edu/about-us/our-people/offices#oss) indicating that the student is in good standing (academic and professional conduct)

After receiving 9 credits of PharmD coursework towards the dual degree program, a student will be required to complete 36 credits of MPH coursework. If interested, please email Cindy OBryant (cindy.obryant@cuanschutz.edu)..