

UAMS College of Public Health
and
UAMS College of Medicine
Combined Degree Program for MD and MPH Degrees

I. Curricular Requirements

A student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may pursue the MD and MPH degrees under a combined degree program that allows cross-credit for certain specified courses. The combined degree program offers a potential savings of credit hours in the total credit hours otherwise required for both degrees. A student in the combined degree program must complete all the requirements for the MD degree as specified by the College of Medicine, and all requirements for the MPH as specified by the College of Public Health. The combined degree program is subject to the following conditions:

- A. In order to receive cross-credit, credit must be earned for the course in the degree program in which the course is offered. For instance, courses in the MPH program listed in Section IV below will receive credit in the MD program only if the student received credit for the course in the MPH program.
- B. In the MPH program, a student may receive elective credits for 18 semester hours of approved courses in the MD program completed with a minimum grade of C-. A list of the approved MD elective courses is set out below.
- C. In the MD program, a student may receive elective credits for 20 semester hours of approved courses in the MPH program completed with a minimum grade of B. A list of approved MPH courses is set out below.
- D. Some senior electives in the MD program can be credited for the required PBHL 5993 Integration Project and the PBHL 5983 Preceptorship. Students should consult with the College of Public Health Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs and the College of Medicine Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs to approve these courses.

II. Administrative Policies and Procedures

- A. The College of Public Health Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs and the College of Medicine Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall meet biannually, or more often as needed, to evaluate the combined degree program. They shall consider matters such as current course offerings and coordination of course sequences, and make recommendations for amendments of the program to their respective faculties.
- B. A student enrolled in the combined degree program is subject to all administrative policies and procedures of each program during the period of enrollment in the combined degree program.
- C. A student must obtain admission separately to the MD program and the MPH program. Once admitted to both programs, a student enters the combined degree program by filing the attached Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees.
- D. A student currently enrolled in one program may enter the combined degree program by obtaining admission to the other program and filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees.

- E. A student is not enrolled in the combined program until copies of the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees are filed with the Office of the Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Medicine and with the Office of the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs of the College of Public Health.
- F. A student who has completed one degree may not enter the combined degree program to complete the other degree.
- G. After filing the Declaration of Intent to Pursue Combined Degrees, the student shall schedule a joint meeting with the College of Public Health Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs and the College of Medicine Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Times of enrollment in each program, preliminary course selection, and potential conflicts shall be discussed.
- H. Students enrolled in the combined program must be prepared to follow the course scheduling to avoid concurrent enrollment in classes in both programs during the first, second or third years of the full-time MD program. Any deviation from this schedule requires the written permission of the Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Medicine and the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs of the College of Public Health.
- I. Grade point averages and class standings in each program are determined without consideration of the credit hours accepted from the other programs.
- J. Except as modified by Sections I and II of this statement of the Combined Degree MD/MPH Degrees, a student must comply with all degree requirements established for each program. For instance, the College of Public Health has a requirement that all degree requirements be completed not more than six years after enrollment in the degree program. A student enrolled in the combined degree program must earn any credit hours in the MD program to be applied to the MPH degree within six years of enrolling in the College of Public Health.

III. MD Courses Approved for MPH Program

The following courses offered as longitudinal electives by the College of Medicine may be used for up to 18 hours of credit in the MPH program:

LFAMI	Evidence Based Medicine	V
LGERC	Communicating with Older Adults	?
LHUMA	Biomedical Ethics	2
LGERA	Death and Dying	2
LHUMK	Diseases from Antiquity to Now	2
LHUMC	Health and the Social Environment	2
LHUMD	History of American Medicine	2
LHUMF	Law and Medicine	2
LHUMB	Medicine in Literature	2
LHUMJ	Osler: Genesis of Modern Medicine	1
LWOMN	Women's Health	3
UPATL	Forensic Pathology	?

The following courses offered as block electives by the College of Medicine may be used for up to 18 hours credit in the MPH program. Those italicized would qualify to meet the MPH program requirements for PBHL 5993 Integration Project. Those italicized and underlined would qualify to meet the MPH program requirement for PBHL 5983 Preceptorship if accompanied by a scholarly report on the experience or a research paper.

LABUB	Alcohol and Drug Dependency	1
UABUC	Alcohol and Drug Dependency	4
UPSAM	Intro to Clinical Research	4
UFAMF	Community Health/Care Delivery	4
UFAMQ	Family Medicine Research Externship	4
UPALC	Palliative Care/Hospice Care	4
UIFDA	Infectious Disease	4
IFDB	Pediatric Infectious Disease	4
UPSAK	Complementary Medicine	4
<u>LPEDI</u>	<u>ICM I Small Group Preceptor</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>LPEDM</u>	<u>Medical Missions- Third World</u>	<u>V</u>
LPHAA	Problems in Pediatric Pharmacology	?
UHABA	Physical Med and Rehabilitation	4
UPSAH	Adolescent Long Term Sex Offender Tx	4
UPSYJ	Dx and Rx of Psychotic Patient	4
UPSAI	Dx and Tx of Adolescent Psych Pts.	4
UPSYP	Emergency Room Psychiatry	4
LPSYO	Great Men with Sick Minds	1
UPSAD	Mental Health Services Research	4
UPSYZ	Psychiatric Disorders in Elderly	4
UPSXD	Psychiatry in a Medical Setting	4
UPSAL	Psychopharm-Community Treatment	4
UPSAC	Substance Abuse and Mental Illness	4
UPSYI	Substance Abuse: detox to discharge	4
UHOSA	Hospice Practicum	4

IV. MPH Courses Approved for MD Program

The following courses offered by the College of Public Health may be used for up to 20 hours elective credit in the MD program:

PBHL 5543	Advanced Concepts in Human Sexuality	3
PBHL 8023	Ambulatory Care Administration	3
PBHL 5023	Biostatistics II (Advanced Linear Models)	3
PBHL 5033	Biostatistics III (Multivariate Analysis)	3
PBHL 5233	Statistical Methods for Clinical Trials	3
PBHL 8143	Community Planning and Development	3
PBHL 5663	Contemporary Health Problems	3
PBHL 8123	Decision Analysis (Quantitative Mgmt.)	3
PBHL 5613	Drug Education	3
PBHL 5153	Environmental and Industrial Biological Hazards	3
PBHL 5373	Epidemiology II	3
PBHL 5673	Epidemiology III	3
PBHL 5671	Epidemiology III (practicum for PBHL 5673)	1
PBHL 8063	Evaluation of Public Health Programs	3
PBHL 590V	Grant Writing	1 to 3
PBHL 592V	Leadership Seminar	1 to 3
PBHL 594V	Health Communication Seminar	1 to 3
PBHL 8513	Health Care Marketing	3
PBHL 8093	Health Care Quality Outcomes	3
PBHL 7113	Health Economics	3
PBHL 5573	Health Education in the Medical Care Setting	3

<i>PBHL 8083</i>	<i>Health Information Systems</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5213</i>	<i>Health Promotion in the Worksite</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 7033</i>	<i>Health Promotion in Older Adults</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 7203</i>	<i>Health Services Administration</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5633</i>	<i>Health Strategies for Multicultural Populations</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 8133</i>	<i>Health Systems Strategic Planning</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 8013</i>	<i>Hospital Administration</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 8073</i>	<i>Human Resource Management</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 8053</i>	<i>International Health</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5263</i>	<i>Introduction to Air Contaminant Evaluation</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 7223</i>	<i>Introduction to Health Policy</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 7503</i>	<i>Introduction to Health Systems Financial Management</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 8103</i>	<i>Introduction to Rural Health Policy</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 7803</i>	<i>Law and Ethics</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 8043</i>	<i>Long Term Care Administration</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 8313</i>	<i>Managed Care</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5473</i>	<i>Methods in Health Services Research</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5043</i>	<i>Occupational and Environmental Hazard Control</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5363</i>	<i>Policy Analysis</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5623</i>	<i>Program Planning and Evaluation</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5573</i>	<i>Principles of Health Education</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5563</i>	<i>Public Health Education</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5743</i>	<i>Research in Health</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5653</i>	<i>Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5073</i>	<i>Toxicology and Governmental Relations</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>PBHL 5063</i>	<i>Toxicology for Graduate Students</i>	<i>3</i>

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