PharmD/Master of Public Health Concurrent Degree at SIUE

The School of Pharmacy and the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior offer students the opportunity to earn a Master of Public Health (MPH) while also working toward completion of the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD).

There is tremendous synergy between pharmacy and public health, and with the additional skills obtained through pursuing the MPH, graduates of the PharmD program could assume expanded roles in community and public health practices. Students in the PharmD/MPH program will build upon their acquired knowledge of pharmaceutical interventions, therapy and management, and learn how to plan, implement, evaluate and disseminate programs. Graduates will be prepared for leadership roles in communities and health agencies that prevent diseases and promote strategies to improve the health of individuals and communities.

Degrees Available at SIUE
Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health

Program Format
PharmD students who are admitted to the MPH program will:
- Use selected pharmacy courses to meet some requirements within the MPH curriculum
- Use selected MPH courses to meet some requirements for the PharmD program

MPH classes are offered in the evening, as well as in a hybrid or online format.

What can I do with a PharmD/MPH?
PharmD/MPH graduates will have integrated knowledge and skills to deliver pharmaceutical care with public health principles, which will allow them to:
- Confront society’s changing social and health issues
- Face new healthcare challenges
- Harness expanded responsibilities and opportunities

Since the practices of public health and pharmacy are vital components of a complete healthcare system and the number of people requiring healthcare services has steadily increased, the demand for professionals with this specific skill set is expected to increase.
Admission Requirements
Prior to applying for the concurrent program, the applicant must obtain approval from the Office of Professional and Student Affairs in the School of Pharmacy.

The PharmD student may be admitted into the concurrent program after completion of at least the first professional year. The latest entry point into the concurrent program is the fall semester of the third professional year of the pharmacy program. Applications for the MPH program must be submitted to the Graduate School by March 1. Admission will be conditional upon meeting all Graduate School requirements. The selection of accepted concurrent PharmD/MPH students will be competitive based on available resources.

Only PharmD students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the PharmD program who are in good academic standing are eligible to apply for the concurrent program.

Graduation Requirements
The capstone/ImPaCT project must be public health focused and will be used to fulfill the exit requirement for both the PharmD and MPH programs. The project must be approved by the MPH program director.

A student who is unable to successfully complete at least four of the following courses would be required to complete courses to fulfill the elective requirements for the PharmD:

- PBHE 500
- PBHE 520
- PBHE 530
- PBHE 540
- PBHE 550
- PBHE 580

It is possible that a delay in obtaining the PharmD could occur if the student discontinues the concurrent program. Continuation toward the MPH would be approved on a case-by-case basis by the MPH program director if a student discontinues the PharmD program.

Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees

- 170
- Visit siue.edu/graduate-tuition for detailed tuition information.

Curriculum
Students in the concurrent PharmD/MPH program will take 143 credit hours in the PharmD program and 27 credit hours in the MPH program, which includes nine hours of PharmD courses that are approved as MPH electives.

MPH Degree Requirements
The MPH program consists of 33 credit hours of public health core courses and nine hours of leadership-focused electives. For PharmD students in the concurrent program, the following courses are MPH-approved electives:

- PHAS 716 Ethical Issues in Healthcare (1 hour)
- PHAS 728N Pharmacy Management I (2 hours)
- PHAS 709 Health Care and Financial Management (2 hours)
- PHAS 733N Pharmacy Law (2 hours)
- PHAS 754 Pharmacy Management II (2 hours)

In addition, PharmD students in the concurrent program will meet six hours of the core MPH curriculum with the following PharmD courses:

- PHEP 784 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialized Practice (6 hours), from a list of MPH-approved APPEs, will substitute for PBHE 560 Applied Practice Experience (3 hours).
- PHEP 789 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: ImPaCT (3 hours) will substitute for PBHE 599A Capstone Semester 2 (3 hours). The capstone/ImPaCT project must be public health focused and will be used to fulfill the exit requirement for both PharmD and MPH programs. The project must be approved by the MPH program director.

PharmD Degree Requirements
The School of Pharmacy will accept the following required MPH courses as external electives toward the 10 hour elective requirement of the PharmD program:

- PBHE 500 Core Principles in Public Health and Public Health Leadership (3 hours)
- PBHE 520 Public Health Data Analysis (3 hours)
- PBHE 530 Epidemiology (3 hours)
- PBHE 550 Research and Evaluation Methods (3 hours)
- PBHE 540 Public Health Policy and Administration (3 hours)
- PBHE 580 Public Health Interventions (3 hours)

In addition, students in the concurrent PharmD/MPH program would not be required to take PHEP 751 Essentials of Research Application (1 hour), as PBHE 550 Research and Evaluation Methods (3 hours) would address the required outcomes of PHEP 751. In order to fulfill the requirement of PHEP 751, successful completion of PBHE 550 prior to APPE is required.

Students in the concurrent program will also be required to focus the ImPaCT project on public health.

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