

# Dual Degree: Doctor of Pharmacy & Master of Public Health



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Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy

A full-time, five-year professional dual degree program (175 credits)

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Program is to prepare entry-level pharmacy practitioners to meet the healthcare needs of an increasingly diverse patient population, and to constantly strive to add to the knowledge base of the profession of pharmacy. The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is an interdisciplinary graduate degree in public health that provides coursework opportunities for students to obtain broad knowledge and basic skills in public health. The public health program focuses on rural and underserved populations, providing students with training in public health issues present in rural and underserved areas.

The purpose of the dual Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health Program is to graduate highly qualified health professionals who have obtained competencies necessary to succeed in the rapidly changing healthcare system. The dual program prepares students to enter a wide-range of pharmacy and public health positions that address today's most challenging population health care issues. A Public Health Pharmacist can be involved in advanced pharmacy practice, health policy development, emergency and humanitarian response, public health leadership, and much more. The PharmD/MPH program is designed for students who are presently enrolled in or applying to pharmacy school.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- The Doctor of Pharmacy courses listed below may not be taken out of sequence. However, most of the Master of Public Health courses may be taken in any sequence (except for PH 700 and PH 701 which have prerequisites).
- Given the rigor and structure of the PharmD program, students will not complete all MPH coursework at the same time as the PharmD. However, if students are in good academic standing in both programs, they will have the opportunity to take MPH courses as outlined in the graduate catalog, thus affording the opportunity to complete most of the MPH degree by the completion of the P4 year.
- Once the PharmD coursework is completed, students can continue the MPH coursework on either a full-time or part-time basis.
- For the PharmD program the required passing grade of "C" or higher must be received in each course. For the MPH program, the required passing grade of "B-" or higher must be received in each course. Additionally, maintenance of the required cumulative GPA in each program is required for satisfactory progression and graduation (3.0 for both programs).
- Policies regarding academic standing and graduation are contained in the graduate catalog as well as the Pharmacy Program and Master of Public Health Student Handbooks.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full-time student in good standing pursuing PharmD degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 during P1 Fall term.
- MPH application submitted in Spring of P1 academic year.
- Students should follow all application requirements outlined on the Graduate Public Health Admissions site.  
<https://www.su.edu/admissions/graduate-students/public-healthapplication-information/>
- One letter of recommendation from current program SU faculty.
- Personal statement that describes the applicant's education, experience, and professional career objectives (1500 word maximum).
- Resume/C.V.

## ADMISSION & APPLICATION

### Start Term

MPH: Summer (May)  
Pharm.D: Fall (August)

### Admission Deadline

MPH: April 15th  
Pharm.D: June 1st

### Format/Location

MPH: Online  
Pharm.D.: Winchester, VA



Health Professions Building, located on the Winchester Medical Center Campus

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### Overlap of Credits Between Programs

The total credit overlap between the PharmD and MPH program is up to 19 credits. The courses and requirements that may overlap are illustrated in the table below. The selected overlap is in-line with each program's requirements and also meets accreditation standards for both programs. To view the entire PharmD curriculum please visit the [Shenandoah University Course Requirements](#) page.

### Sample Course Overlap and Timeline

#### PH Substitutions for Pharmacy Requirements

Pharmacy Course	Credits	Semester	Public Health Course(s)	Credits	Semester
PHAR Elective 1	3	Spring 2	PH 527	3	Spring 2
PHAR Elective 2	3	Fall 3	PH 515	3	Fall 3
PHAR Elective 3	3	Spring 3	PH 510	3	Spring 3

#### Pharmacy Substitutions for PH Requirements

Public Health Course	Credits	Semester	Pharmacy Course(s)	Credits	Semester
PHAR Elective 1	3	Fall 2	PHAR 662*	3	Fall 2
PHAR Elective 2	3	Spring 2	PHAR 669*	3	Spring 2
PH-700**	3	Spring 4	PHAR 816, 817, or 818**	3	Spring 4

\*Students can select another suitable 3 credit PharmD course to satisfy MPH electives with prior MPH Director approval.

\*\*This may count as PH 700 if the student addresses the necessary MPH competencies during one of these APPE rotations that they would address in an MPH applied practice experience. The option to use this clinical experience for the MPH degree must be approved by each student's MPH advisor. If the clinical experience does not address the required public health competencies, then dual degree students will also need to complete the Applied Practice Experience (PH 700) in addition to their required APPE's.