

Welcome!

The School of Dental Medicine, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) offers an exciting new dual-degree program in dental medicine and public health (DMD/ MPH). Students enrolling in the program will be able to earn DMD and Master of Public Health (MPH) degrees in five years.

One of primary goals of the American Dental Association (ADA) is to “Promote the oral health of the public”. Dental public health is one of the nine recognized specialties of the ADA, and is defined as “the art and science of preventing oral diseases and promoting oral health through organized community efforts”. The DMD/ MPH seeks to impart knowledge and skills necessary to expand the practice of dentistry into the community in a proactive way that fosters improved oral health, and as a direct result, yields improved overall health of the populations involved. It is necessary to address populations to improve the health of individuals and to work with individuals to improve the health of populations. Thus, dentistry and public health are interdependent, reliant on each other in order to achieve their mutual goals.

INITIAL REQUIREMENTS

⇒ Fulfill the admission requirements of both the DMD and MPH programs (for admission requirements see <http://mph.case.edu/admissions.html> & <http://dental.case.edu/dmd/apply.html>)

KEY FEATURES

- Five year program
- Dedicated MPH year, could be during year 1, year 2, or year 3 of the 5-year program
- MPH program includes 42 credit hours: 33 didactic credits of which 9 will be for dental school courses and 9 credits for the Culminating Experience (3 credit Practicum & 6 credit Capstone)
- Practicum at extramural sites/clinics
- Presentation of capstone experience* at a national meeting and at the School of Dental Medicine Professional Day as well as at the CWRU MPH Population Health Innovations Conference

*The capstone experience is a public health project required of all MPH students

Schedule

Possible 5-year schedule

	Program	Instruction
Year 1	MPH	24 credit hrs. MPH
Summer	Capstone	
Year 2	DMD (year 1)	DMD courses
Year 3	DMD (year 2)	DMD courses
Year 4	DMD (year 3)	DMD courses
Year 5	DMD (year 4)	DMD courses

Alternative 5-year schedule

	Program	Instruction
Year 1	DMD (year 1)	DMD courses
Year 2	DMD (year 2)	DMD courses
Year 3	MPH	24 credit hrs. MPH
Years 4-5	Capstone	
Year 4	DMD (year 3)	DMD courses
Year 5	DMD (year 4)	DMD courses

MERITS OF DUAL DEGREE

- ◇ Dentistry and public health are inexorably linked
- ◇ Increasing need of public health dentists
- ◇ Enhanced preventive dentistry skills in the office settings with a focus on improving the oral health of people
- ◇ Improved skills in health promotion and disease prevention through understanding of health behavior and health communication principles
- ◇ Increased ability to apply public health principles to dental health of populations

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support may be available to qualified students, depending on the availability of funds; support will include:

- ◆ Predoctoral level stipend
- ◆ Tuition and fees for MPH classes
- ◆ Travel to extramural sites
- ◆ Attendance at one national meeting

DMD-MPH Program

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