

**Emerging School of Public Health**

VCU has a strategic plan to develop Virginia's first school of public health. We seek to develop a vibrant school of public health that:

- offers innovative, rigorous educational offerings flexible to meet diverse student needs
- provides a thriving transdisciplinary research base in which students will participate
- works synergistically with state and local public health practitioners to provide opportunities for translating research to public health practice

In the midst of a rapid expansion plan, VCU is recruiting multiple faculty members in biostatistics, health administration, epidemiology, and social and behavioral health.

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# MID MPH

Dual Degree Program

**VCU** Department of  
 Epidemiology &  
 Community  
 Health



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## MD/MPH Dual Degree Program

The Department of Epidemiology and Community Health in the developing School of Public Health, School of Medicine, offers a program for VCU medical students to obtain a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in conjunction with their medical training. The MD/MPH Dual Degree Program provides an opportunity for medical students who wish to pursue a public health or research career to graduate from medical school trained in both clinical and preventive, population-oriented medicine.

The five-year program consists of four years of medical school and one year of study in the MPH Program. Medical students may pursue the MPH year either before entering medical school or after their third year of medical school. Both degrees are granted together at the end of the five-year time period. Twelve credit hours are applied toward the MPH for coursework taken during the first two years of medical school, and a one-month public health elective is required during the M-IV year. Graduates from this program are prepared for positions in preventive medicine, primary care, research, community-based health centers, and local health departments.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the MPH Program at Virginia Commonwealth University is to promote health and well-being through commitment to public health education, excellence in research, and dedication to community service.

## Application Requirements

Enrollment in the MD/MPH Program requires admission to both the School of Medicine and the Graduate School. Entry into the program occurs only at the start of a Fall semester.

## MPH Degree Requirements

Course	Credits
BIOS 543 - Statistical Methods I	3
EPID 600 - Introduction to Public Health	3
EPID 602 - Health System Organization	3
EPID 603 - Public Health Policy and Politics	3
EPID 604 - Prin. of Occup & Env. Health	3
EPID 606 - Epidemiologic Methods II	3
EPID 694 - Program Research Project	3
Additional courses	9
M-IV Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>

## Admission Requirements

- A completed VCU Graduate Admissions application
- Transcripts
- A written personal statement and curriculum vitae
- If the MPH year is first, written confirmation of admission to medical school is required

