

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, M.M.S. AND PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H. DUAL DEGREE

Saint Louis University's Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) and Physician Assistant Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.) dual-degree program is a collaboration between the College for Public Health and Social Justice (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>) and the Doisy College of Health Sciences Department of Clinical Health Sciences (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/>).

Students in the dual degree first focus on the M.P.H. and complete three consecutive semesters (summer, fall, and spring) of M.P.H. coursework in the College of Public Health and Social Justice. After successful completion of M.P.H. coursework, students begin the following fall semester focusing on their M.M.S. studies within the physician assistant program in the Doisy College of Health Sciences.

Credit from specific coursework in the M.M.S. curriculum also counts toward elective credits for the M.P.H. This provides the credit efficiency that allows students to complete both degrees in three and a half academic years. Students interested in earning the M.P.H./M.M.S. dual degree must apply separately to both programs, meet admissions requirements for both programs and be accepted into both programs. Summer semester M.P.H. courses begin after acceptance into both programs.

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Physician Assistant, M.M.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/physician-assistant-mms/>)

Public Health, M.P.H. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/h/>)

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information about student loans, please visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

## Accreditation

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Saint Louis University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Saint Louis University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be June 2033. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at [arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-saint-louis-university/](http://arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-saint-louis-university/) (<https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-saint-louis-university/>).

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Saint Louis University's College for Public Health and Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). To see the most recent accreditation documentation, please visit the College for Public Health and Social Justice website (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>). (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/about/accreditation.php>)

## Requirements

### Admission Requirements

Students interested in participating in the M.P.H./M.M.S. dual degree program must apply separately to both programs before starting either one.

Students will focus first on the M.P.H., taking three consecutive semesters (summer, fall, and spring) devoted to M.P.H. coursework.

### Program Requirements

Six credit hours of coursework in the M.M.S. curriculum also count as elective credits toward completion of the M.P.H. degree, providing the credit efficiency that allows students to complete both degrees in 3.5 academic years.

## Contact Us

### Physician Assistant, M.M.S.

Apply for Admission (<https://www.slu.edu/admission/>)

#### Contact Doisy College of Health Sciences

Recruitment specialist  
314-977-2570  
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### Public Health, M.P.H.

Apply for Admission (<https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/deeplink/programSearch/organization/6425937835738032128>)

For questions about applying to one of our graduate programs, contact the College for Public Health and Social Justice admissions via [cphsgrad@slu.edu](mailto:cphsgrad@slu.edu).