

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Health Sciences offers a concurrent degree program that provides a consistent pathway for academically driven osteopathic medical students to complete a Master of Public Health while pursuing the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Graduate students in the joint program obtain valuable experiences through community engagement activities, research projects, clinical rotations, and interactions with public health professionals, which foster positive learning opportunities. In addition, by pursuing both the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and the Master of Public Health concurrently, students can complete both degrees in a shorter time period (4-5 years) than if they were to pursue the two independently (6 years).

Application to the joint degree program is continuous, and students have an opportunity to apply to the program during the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

Students must meet the following requirements for admittance to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master of Public Health dual degree program:

- Successful acceptance to the SHSU Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree program.
- Successful acceptance to the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program.
- Achievement of a GPA of 3.00 or higher in major courses.
- Completion of the application requirements for the MPH program, payment of the application fees, and submission of the required documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions. (<https://www.shsu.edu/beabearkat/graduate-journey/>)
- Participation in an interview with the MPH admissions committee.
- Registration for MPH courses in accordance with the guidance provided by the MPH Administrative Associate.

Students accepted into the DO/MPH dual degree program will commence their MPH coursework in the summer prior to beginning the DO program.

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master of Public Health dual degree program allows students to utilize up to nine credit hours of coursework across both degrees, therefore, saving time and money in completing both programs. In addition, physicians with an MPH degree typically command higher salaries compared to those with standalone DO degrees. Furthermore, graduates with the DO/MPH dual degree program enhance their career opportunities in working with underserved populations, research settings, and in leadership roles.

Students must meet all requirements for both the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/osteopathic-medicine/osteopathic-medicine-do/#requirements-text/>) (DO) and Master of Public Health (MPH) (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/public-health/mph/#admission-text/>)

Code	Title	Hours
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) and Master of Public Health (MPH)		
MPH: Summer I		
HLTH 5355	Health Services Administration	3
HLTH 5376	Public Health Biostatistics	3
HLTH 6396	Health Program Planning/ Pre-Capstone	3
DO: Year I		
ANAT 7801	Clinical Anatomy	8
CMED 7201	Clinical Medicine 1	2
CMED 7304	Clinical Medicine 4	3
CMED 7402	Clinical Medicine 2	4
CMED 7403	Clinical Medicine 3	4
MEDS 7405	Hematopoietic System	4
MEDS 7504	Skin & Skeletal Muscle	5
MEDS 7803	Medical Microbiology and Immune System	8
OSTM 7301	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine 1	3
OSTM 7302	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine 2	3
REBM 7301	Research and Evidence-Based Medicine	3
SFOM 7801	Scientific Foundations	8
MPH: Summer II		
HLTH 5318	Current Topics in Environmental Health	3

HLTH 5353	Epidemiology	3
HLTH 5361	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Public Health	3
DO: Year II		
MEDS 7320	Systems Integration	3
MEDS 7404	Renal & Genitourinary	4
MEDS 7508	Endocrine & Reproductive	5
MEDS 7607	GI System & Nutrition	6
MEDS 7802	Neurologic & Behavior	8
MEDS 7806	Cardiovascular & Respiratory	8
OSTM 7303	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine 3	3
OSTM 7304	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine 4	3
MPH: Summer III		
HLTH 5350	Public Health and Social Justice	3
HLTH 5351	Immigrant and Refugee Health	3
HLTH 6352	Public Health Grant Writing	3
DO: Year III		
CLIN 7010	Elective Clerkship	32
CLIN 7401	General Surgery Clerkship	4
CLIN 7402	Adult Inpatient Medicine Clerkship	4
CLIN 7403	Emergency Medicine Clerkship	4
CLIN 7404	Psychiatry Clerkship	4
CLIN 7405	Family Medicine Clerkship	4
CLIN 7406	Pediatrics Clerkship	4
CLIN 7407	Ob/Gyn Clerkship	4
CLIN 7408	Rural & Underserved Medicine Clerkship	4
CLIN 7409	Adult Inpatient Med-II	4
CLIN 7414	Medicine Selective Clerkship	4
CLIN 7415	Surgery Selective Clerkship	4
MEDS 7318	Clinical Clerkship Preparation	3
OSTM 7233	3rd and 4th Year Longitudinal OMM Clerkship	2
MPH: Summer IV		
HLTH 5363	Management and Leadership for Health Professionals	3
HLTH 5365	Aging and Health Promotion	3
DO: Year IV		
CLIN 7411	Womens Health and Wellness	4
CLIN 7414	Medicine Selective Clerkship	4
CLIN 7415	Surgery Selective Clerkship	4
CMED 7304	Clinical Medicine 4	3
OSTM 7233	3rd and 4th Year Longitudinal OMM Clerkship	2
Total Hours		226