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**Department of Health Policy
and Management**

**Juris Doctor/Master of Public Health
Joint Degree Program**

The Juris Doctor/Master of Public Health Joint Degree Program

This joint program offered by the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health and School of Law will provide you with an interdisciplinary curriculum that integrates law, public health sciences, and health policy, preparing you to address issues affecting individual health care and the health of entire populations.

Opportunities for Graduates

The Juris Doctor/Master of Public Health (JD/MPH) program will enable you to pursue a career with governmental agencies at the federal, state, and local levels (such as the Food and Drug Administration or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), non-profit and community-based organizations, foundations, insurers, and health care providers. Graduates are trained to perform in legal, policy, and management roles.

Curriculum and Coursework

The integrated program requires 45 credits granted by Pitt Public Health (seven of these can be earned from law classes) and 88 credits granted by the School of Law (12 can be from public health classes) over a four year period. As a result, the joint degrees can be earned more quickly than if they were pursued separately. The Pitt Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management (HPM) curriculum consists of a set of multidisciplinary core courses, a departmental core, full-time summer field experience (practicum), and an applied research project (master's essay) related to the practicum or another "world of practice" issue. The curriculum draws on the MPH competency model that includes HPM disciplinary, cross-cutting, and self-actualization competencies.

In addition to required courses, the School of Law offers you the flexibility to design a plan of study tailored to your professional goals and provides particularly rich offerings in health law, international law, experiential learning, and innovation programming.

Admissions

Students must complete applications for and be accepted into both the Graduate School of Public Health and the School of Law. To apply to Pitt Public Health, applicants must make application through SOPHAS, the centralized online application service (sophas.org).

More information on how to apply can be found at www.publichealth.pitt.edu/hpm-admissions and www.law.pitt.edu/admissions/process.

About the School of Law

The School of Law graduates practice-ready lawyers by providing students with both traditional classroom experiences designed to develop and hone analytical and communication skills and with experiential learning opportunities in one of our clinics, which include subject areas ranging from elder law to family law to immigration law. Students who wish to focus their studies may benefit from certificate programs, international externships, instruction in litigation skills by teams of top practicing litigators, or membership on a health law moot court team. The Pitt Law faculty is made up of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds who share a common commitment to educating students and advancing knowledge. This group of nationally recognized teacher-scholars brings the law alive by challenging students to explore the relevance of law to the issues confronting our society and the world. For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.law.pitt.edu.

About the Department of Health Policy and Management at Pitt Public Health

The Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health is dedicated to the improvement of health through the application of health policy research to understand the determinates of costs, quality, utilization, distribution, and outcomes of health care systems; and through the training of future leaders and managers of public and private health care organizations. Students are taught to develop and advocate for public policies to achieve high quality, cost-effective delivery of health care services, and to understand the social, political, and regulatory aspects of policy choices. The faculty represents a unique mix of health policy and health services researchers, management experts, and practicing health care leaders and managers. A Master of Health Administration (MHA), Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Science in health services research and policy (MS), and a PhD in health services research and policy are also offered. For more information, visit www.publichealth.pitt.edu/health-policy-and-management. Questions? Contact hpmprogr@pitt.edu.



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