

Health Administration and Policy: *Dual Degree – JD-MPH*

The dual degree in law and public health combines the 3-year Juris Doctorate at the College of Law and the 2-year Masters of Public Health at the College of Public Health into 4 years of study.

The JD requires a minimum of 90 credit hours, and the MPH requires a minimum of 44 credit hours. A dual-degree student will complete 81 credit hours at the College of Law and receive 9 credit hours towards the law degree from coursework completed at the College of Public Health. Likewise, the student will complete 35 credit hours at the College of Public Health and receive 9 credit hours towards the masters degree from coursework completed at the College of Law.

How to apply?

Students interested in the dual program must be accepted by both colleges. Both degrees will be awarded during the same academic season. A student may begin at either college or apply to both colleges simultaneously.

What jobs can I get?

This program is designed to prepare the student who plans either to practice law in the healthcare arena or to influence health-related policies.

The relationships between healthcare service organization administration, practice, and policy and law is increasingly interconnected, and it is not unusual to find individuals with legal training and experience in top administrative and policy positions in a variety of healthcare service organizations and governmental settings. Given the growing number of healthcare administration problems in need of solutions, the demand for lawyers, especially at the policy level, with solid administrative training is critical. Attorneys who counsel healthcare service organization administrators and practitioners must have a broad knowledge of healthcare administration to best serve their clients. These developments have given rise to numerous career opportunities in a variety of professional settings within and without the healthcare service organization community.

Graduates of this proposed dual degree program would be able to tailor their electives for careers in any of the following settings:

- Managerial positions in local, state, regional, and national healthcare service organizations
- Attorney positions within a law firm group that focuses on healthcare
- Legal analysts at local, state, regional, and national levels
- Policy analysts at local, state, regional, and national levels
- Serving as legal counsel for local, state, regional, or national agencies.

What does the curriculum look like?

The curricular sequence is highly dependent on when and where a student initially matriculates and on that student's preferences for law school courses. The student will work closely with the dual degree advisor at the College of Public Health to ensure all curricular requirements are met.

A sample of the curricular requirements has been provided below. This is representative of the curricular choices, however all students should consult both colleges for their current requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DUAL DEGREE: JD/MPH

The University of Oklahoma College of Law

The University of Oklahoma College of Public Health

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required	
JD – 81 hours	GPA: 4.00/12.00
MPH – 35 hours	GPA: 3.00/4.00

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

MPH REQUIREMENTS ~ 34 hours ~	JD 1L REQUIREMENTS ~ 31 hours ~	JD 2L-3L REQUIREMENTS ~ 12 hours ~
<p>HAP 5453 U.S. Health Care System BSE 5163 Biostatistics Methods I BSE 5113 Principles of Epidemiology HPS 5213 Social and Behavioral Science in Public Health OEH 5013 Environmental Health HAP 5183 Org. Theory & Behavior HAP 5203 Health Economics HAP 5303 Health Policy & Politics HAP 5623 Forecasting & Budgeting HAP 5883 Healthcare Quality Mgmt CPH 7003 Integrated Public Health Practice CPH 7941 Practicum Preparation Seminar CPH 7950 Public Health Practicum * Completion of the CPH Examination</p>	<p>LAW 5103 Civil Procedure I LAW 5203 Civil Procedure II LAW 5134 Constitutional Law LAW 5114 Contracts LAW 5223 Criminal Law LAW 5123 Legal Research & Writing LAW 5202 Legal Research & Writing LAW 5234 Property LAW 5144 Torts</p>	<p>LAW 5303 Criminal Procedure LAW 5314 Evidence LAW 5323 Professional Responsibility LAW 6700 Writing Requirement (typically completed in a 2 hour seminar)</p>
MPH Practicum	JD CORE MENU (minimum 4 courses required)	JD SKILLS MENU (minimum 1 course required)
<p>Public health practicum requires 240 contact hours, and the student receives 1 credit hour. Guidelines, competency coverage, and a rubric are available and will be discussed with the student's faculty advisor.</p> <p>The student will write complete the Culminating Experience with guidance from the student's faculty advisor.</p>	<p>LAW 5403 Administrative Law LAW 5410 Bankruptcy LAW 5533 Conflict of Laws LAW 5433 Corporations LAW 5443 Family Law LAW 5543 Federal Courts LAW 5450 First Amendment LAW 5463 Individual Income Tax LAW 6570 Real Estate Transactions LAW 5553 Remedies LAW 5750 Secured Transactions LAW 5470 Wills & Trusts</p>	<p>LAW 6100 Advanced Legal Research LAW 6100 Advanced Persuasive Writing LAW 5520 Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW 6363 Civil Clinic LAW 5530 Civil Pretrial Litigation LAW 6400 Corporate Drafting LAW 6323 Criminal Defense Clinic LAW 6400 Evidence Lab LAW 6100 How to Drill a Well LAW 6360 Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation LAW 6100 Legal Malpractice LAW 6100 Legal Transcription Practicum Capstone Course II LAW 6400 Litigation Skills LAW 6400 Patent Drafting & Prosecution LAW 6100 Supreme Court Decision Making LAW 6840 Tax Practice & Procedure LAW 6410 Trial Techniques LAW 6400 Venice Commission LAW 6100 Experiencing Public Health Law</p>
JD ELECTIVES	JD EXTRACURRICULAR (maximum 4 hours)	
<p>Complete law elective courses in addition to required courses sufficient to total 81 hours. A list of electives can be found at: http://www.law.ou.edu/content/courses-8</p>	<p>Directed Legal Research (max 2 hours) Approved Competitions (max 3 hours) - Moot, Mock, Counseling, etc. Law Review (1 hour each) - American Indian Law Review - Oklahoma Law Review - Oklahoma Journal of Law & Tech.</p>	