Applicants must complete the SOPHAS application as indicated at the SPH admissions site, whether applying simultaneously to both schools or as a current GW Law student.

Program Costs

SPH coursework taken while enrolled as a full- or part-time law student is charged at the Law School tuition rate. The SPH tuition rate and fees are charged for semesters when no Law School courses are taken, including summer sessions.

Visit the Hirsh Program website (http://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/joint-jdllm-mphcertificate) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

M.P.H. Requirements

The course of study for the M.P.H. degree consists of 45 credits in one of several focus areas (http://publichealth.gwu.edu/node/766), including a supervised practicum. Because the Milken Institute SPH accepts 8 Law School credits toward completion of the M.P.H. degree, juris doctor (J.D.) and master of laws (LL.M.) students need only complete 37 credits of coursework through SPH to obtain an M.P.H. degree.

Depending upon the focus area in which a J.D. student chooses to study, the joint degree can be earned, as a general rule, in three-and-a-half or four years of full-time study, including summer enrollment. J.D. candidates selecting joint degree studies in one of the more science-oriented areas, such as epidemiology or biostatistics, should anticipate a four-year course of study. Candidates selecting a less scientific area, such as health policy or health management, can expect to complete their joint degrees in three-and-a-half years. Full-time LL.M./M.P.H. candidates should anticipate completing the joint degree in approximately two years. Part-time J.D. and LL.M. candidates pursuing joint degrees will, of course, have longer courses of study.

Certificate Requirements

The course of study for the graduate certificate consists of 18 credits in one of several focus areas (http://publichealth.gwu.edu/node/768). However, because the Milken Institute SPH accepts 6 Law School credits toward completion of the certificate program, J.D. and LL.M. students need only complete 12 credits of coursework through SPH to obtain a graduate certificate in public health. Upon an individual’s subsequent acceptance to the M.P.H. degree program, credits from the graduate certificate may be transferred to the M.P.H. degree program. Full-time J.D. candidates can complete a graduate certificate during their regular course of study in the Law School. Full-time LL.M./certificate candidates typically complete the program in one-and-a-half years.