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

MPH Requirements

The course of study for the MPH 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 MPH degree, juris doctor (JD) and master of laws (LLM) students need only complete 37 credits of coursework through SPH to obtain an MPH degree.

Depending upon the focus area in which a JD 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. JD 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 LLM/MPH candidates should anticipate completing the joint degree in approximately two years. Part-time JD and LLM candidates pursuing joint degrees, 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, JD and LLM students need only complete 12 credits of coursework through the SPH to obtain a graduate certificate in public health. Upon an individual’s subsequent acceptance to the MPH degree program, credits from the graduate certificate may be transferred to the MPH degree program. Full-time JD candidates can complete a graduate certificate during their regular course of study in the Law School. Full-time LLM/certificate candidates typically complete the program in one-and-a-half years.