

# Information for Medical Students Considering Pursuing a Dual Degree

Intended for end of Clinical Trunk students who will be applying for Dual Degree this fall (2023) and winter (2024).

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# Dual Degree Programs

**Top choices by students: account for > 90% of dual degrees)**

- MD/MBA Business Administration
- MD/MPH Public Health
  - Epidemiology
  - Health Behavior & Health Education
  - Health Management Policy
  - Health Sciences Administration
- MD/MPP Public Policy
- *MSCR Clinical Research (on pause)* – Currently, it is unclear when or if it will be resumed.

# Other Dual Degrees

- Medical School - Learning Health Sciences Dept.  
MHPE Health Professions Education  
MS in Health Infrastructures & Learning Systems (HILS)
- MS in Information (MSI)
- MS in Design Science (Engineering)
- MS in Biomedical Engineering (Medical Device Development)
- MADS Master of Applied Data Science - School of Information
- MS in Environment and Sustainability

# Why do a dual degree?

- To explore passions, complementary interests and career goals.
- To understand the intersection of medicine and other disciplines.
- To amplify and integrate work with your IDP in the Branches; this will usually fulfill your Capstone for Impact requirement.
- To synchronize careers with a significant other.

# What are the downsides of a dual degree?

- Adds a year of training (and tuition).
- For many, there is a gap (residency years) before you use that knowledge.
- For some getting a DD after residency may be better timing & financially.
- DD is NOT a golden ticket for residency, if academically not competitive.

# Does DD help get a residency?

- It is unlikely to get you an invite if academically not competitive.
- It will make you stand out a bit where you are competitive.
- It might gain you an interview at a “bubble” program.
- There is a wide variation in the value between programs/disciplines.
- **What is accomplished during the Master’s is the most critical aspect..**

# Dual Degree Myths - 1

**Myth:** Dual Degrees are well-defined programs for which I just need to sign up

**Truth:** Dual degrees require considerable “active construction” on your part. You need to meet with the respective school and construct a degree program that fulfills *their* requirements and allows you to complete within a calendar year. (many dual degrees are set as 2-year programs)

- Admission to Graduate School is a separate process
- This might include negotiating possible credit/waiver due to med school courses, using independent projects/internships for both Master’s degree and Capstone project.

# Dual Degree Myths – 1 (cont'd)

Myth: Dual Degrees are well-defined programs .....

- Process can be chaotic. Needs persistence and follow-up.
- Essentially, you need to put together a 1-year plan to do a 2-year Master's program (in many cases) .
- Individually negotiated accommodations seem to be much better than following rigid rules.
- Past student experiences are very valuable – talk to current and past students. *“it has been a heavy lift building the infrastructure”*



## Dual Degree Myths - 2

**Myth:** All School of Public Health Dual Degrees are the same.

**Truth:** Within the School of Public Health, there are two different Dual Degree citations and conferrals:

- Dual Degrees initiated directly with the School of Public Health are typically combined degrees that share the same degree citation and conferred only after the completion of both school degree requirements are complete.
- Dual Degrees initiated through Rackham Graduate School are two different degree citations on the transcript and two separate diplomas.

# Dual Degree Conferral

Dual Degrees are integrated programs, *but there are differences between the Dual Degrees:*

- The MD/MBA, MD/MPP, and some MD/MPH are combined degrees that share the same degree citation and conferred only after the completion of *both* school degree requirements. (i.e., at medical school graduation)
- All other Dual Degrees, initiated through Rackham Graduate School, are two different degree citations on the transcript and two separate diplomas. (i.e., they are conferred at completion of the program)

# A Very Good Resource

Past student experiences are very valuable – talk to current and past students  
(list found on DD website)

# Dual Degree Endorsement Timeline

- Meet with your Counselor to discuss the LOA before submitting your Medical School Dual Degree endorsement request.
- **August 28, 2023:** Dual Degree information email is sent to M3s.
- **October 9, 2023:** Deadline to submit your Dual Degree endorsement request.
- **November:** Dr. Grum's endorsement recommendation is submitted to the Competency Committee.
- **November-December:** Competency Committee reviews Dr. Grum's recommendation and notifies student of endorsement decision.

# Dual Degree Endorsement

- Fast Track: Up to one I/A episode and no fail (F) grade
- If you have two I/As or Fail grade in a course, sequence or clerkship, your endorsement request will be reviewed by the Competency Committee.

This does not mean you will not receive Medical School endorsement. The Competency Committee will be doing a holistic review of your academic record to determine if endorsement is in your best interest.

# Dual Degree Timing & Branches

- Most students will begin their Medical School educational LOA in September, after completing their M3 year, and have completed about half of their Branches.
- Most students will return from their educational LOA in September as M4s to complete their remaining Branch requirements.
- Dual Degree students take **ALL clinical requirements (Sub-I, ICU, EM) and clinical electives** in the Branches.
- **Very strong recommendation:** Complete Step 2 and CCA before Dual Degree!! Also, have your LOR set up before you leave.

# Graduate School Admissions Application

- Master's degree application can be submitted before receiving endorsement decision since the Dual Degree graduate schools are aware of the Medical School endorsement timeline.
- Admission to the Graduate School is a separate application process, so please follow the Master's program application deadlines and process.
  - For most master's degrees, student must complete the application process through the Rackham Graduate School Admissions office.
  - [The exceptions](#), those seeking a MBA, MSI, and some MPH must apply directly to the school's admissions office.

# Dual Degrees

## Fall 2022 data – just to give ballpark info

Please check respective school's sites for current application dates.  
Registrar Office's tuition site <https://ro.umich.edu/tuition-residency/tuition-fees>

DEGREE	APPLICATION DEADLINE	22/23 TUITION RATES (PER TERM)	GRE/GMAT/MCAT REQUIREMENTS
Master's of Business Administration (Day Program Tuition)	September 19: Round 1 January 9: Round 2 April 3: Round 3 <i>All applications are due by 11:59 pm ET on the date listed.</i>	Michigan Resident (in-state) = \$34,098 Non-Resident (out-of-state) = \$36,598	MCAT, GMAT or GRE
Master's of Public Health	MPH/MHSA: Priority: Dec 1; Final: May 15 MS: Priority: Dec 1; Final: Varies by Department Online MPH: Priority: Feb 1; Final: May 15	Michigan Resident (in-state) = \$16,091 Non-Resident (out-of-state) = \$26,542	MCAT or GRE
Master's of Public Policy	January 15	Michigan Resident (in-state) = \$15,740 Non-Resident (out-of-state) = \$26,827	MCAT, GRE or GMAT
<i>Master's in Clinical Research</i>	<i>On pause</i>	Michigan Resident (in-state) = \$12,971 Non-Resident (out-of-state) = \$26,062	MCAT
Master's in Information	January 15: Priority deadline for admission and scholarship consideration domestic applicants May 1: Final deadline	Michigan Resident (in-state) = \$12,947 Non-Resident (out-of-state) = \$25,068	N/A



# Financial Aid Information - Enrollment Deposits

- Students applying to Ross Business School should notify the Ross Admissions Office that they will be matriculating; Ross Business School does not require deposits for dual degree students.
- Dean's Scholars applying to the School of Public Health can have their enrollment deposit waived upon request. Students will be informed during their LOA meeting about the enrollment deposit waiver. We request that they contact our office when they make their final decision. We will then contact SPH and request that the deposit be waived.
- We will work individually with students enrolling in schools other than what is listed above.

# Applying for Financial Aid

- When a dual degree student is enrolled exclusively in one program during a semester, or academic year, they must apply for financial aid through the Office of Financial Aid on central campus. This applies to any program other than Law, in which case aid would be processed through the Law School Financial Aid Office. This will be discussed in your LOA/Dual Degree meeting with the LOA team.
- If you have dual enrollment at the Medical School and your dual degree program within the same semester, you may request that the Medical School process your financial aid.
  - Dean's scholarships will be applied by the Medical school; all additional aid (including loans) will need to be processed by the Office of Financial Aid.
- Some schools offer scholarships through their admissions process. (Ross & SPH).

# Dual Degree Financial Considerations & LOA

- If enrolled at least ½ time (UM or other school), your loans are eligible for in-school deferment.
- While on LOA you are not eligible for Medical School grants or scholarships.
- Student planning to step out of Medical School registration must meet with the LOA team at least 3-months prior to start of LOA. For complete LOA process information, please visit the LOA/RLOA Process webpage:  
<https://medstudents.medicine.umich.edu/policies-procedures/leave-absence-return-leave-process>

# Dual Degree Website and Contact

More information on the Med Student Gateway

<https://medstudents.medicine.umich.edu/dual-degree-programs>

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