What do HIV, tobacco, domestic violence, and bioterrorism have in common? They are all critical public health threats that require substantial public policy interventions. To prepare professionals to craft interdisciplinary solutions to such complex issues, Boston College Law School and Tufts University School of Medicine offer a JD/MPH dual degree program in law and public health. A lawyer with an MPH degree is especially equipped to address pervasive public health challenges. This dynamic dual degree program includes a Tufts Applied Learning Experience (ALE) focused on a field project in public health.

Students may apply to the JD/MPH dual degree program simultaneously when applying to law school, or during their first year of law school. The Tufts application is online at publichealth.tufts.edu/Admissions/JD-Master-of-Public-Health. Law school recommendations may be sent by BC to apply to the Tufts MPH program, but a separate Tufts personal statement is required. Students applying to the JD/MPH dual degree program do not need to take the GRE. The application deadline is March 15th. Admission into either school does not guarantee admission into the other program.

Completion of the JD/MPH dual degree program takes the three years of enrollment in the JD program plus either the summer before starting law school or the fall immediately following graduation from law school. In the latter case this final semester comes after taking the Bar exam and while awaiting the results. The MPH is a thirteen credit degree and three of the credits are awarded by taking approved law courses at BC that have public health content and qualify as MPH electives. There are two pathways to the completion of the remaining ten MPH credits:

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Red indicates that 1/2 Tufts flat fee tuition will be paid at this time. Students should check the availability and cost of financial aid for both options.

* This summer is limited to 3 courses, allowing time for other activities.
** In conjunction with BCLS Health Law Field Experience tailored to Tufts ALE.

**Examples of Tufts courses in the program:**
- Environmental & Occupational Health
- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- Global Food Business
- Health Care Organization: Budgeting & Management
- Public Health Economics
- Humanitarian Aid in Complex Emergencies
- Health Care Politics, Policies, & Programs

**Examples of BC courses in the program:**
- Administrative Law
- Bioethics & Law
- Immigration Law
- Environmental Law
- Health Law

**Examples of Applied Learning Experiences include:**
- Health Law Advocates, Boston
- Community Catalyst
- Office for Civil Rights, US Dept of Health & Human Services, Boston
- Conservation Law Foundation
- Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Steward Health Care System