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 focused on a field project in public health.

Two Degrees in Three Years and Three Months

Completion of the JD/MPH dual degree program takes as little as three years and three months, rather than the average four-and-a-half to five years if the degrees were obtained separately. A carefully sequenced curriculum allows some law school and some MPH courses to count for credit in both programs. There are two pathways to the completion of the JD/MPH dual degree program.

Admission

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 http://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.

Examples of Tufts courses in the program:
- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- Global Food Business
- Health Care Organization: Budgeting & Management
- Public Health Economics
- Humanitarian Aid in Complex Emergencies
- Foundations of Public Health

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

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