JD/MPH DUAL DEGREE IN LAW AND PUBLIC HEALTH

What do HIV, tobacco, domestic violence and bioterrorism have in common? They’re all critical public health threats that require substantial public policy interventions. To prepare professionals to craft interdisciplinary solutions to such complex issues, Northeastern University School of Law 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 well equipped to address pervasive public health challenges. This dynamic dual degree program includes both a Tufts Applied Learning Experience focused on a field project in public health and at least one Northeastern co-op focused on public health issues.

CURRICULUM

Completion of the JD/MPH dual degree program takes three and one half years, rather than the average five years if the degrees were obtained separately. A carefully sequenced curriculum allows some courses at each school to count for credit in both programs.

JD/MPH students take the regular course of law study at Northeastern during their first year, followed by a summer co-op. MPH work usually begins after that first full year of law school, but, with permission, some students begin at the conclusion of the second year of law school.

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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
- Race, Culture and Ethnicity
- Humanitarian Aid in Complex Emergencies

Examples of Northeastern courses in the program:
- Administrative Law
- Bioethics and the Law
- Disability Law
- Environmental Law
- Global AIDS Policy Seminar
- Health Law
- Problems in Public Health Law
- Social Welfare Law

Examples of co-ops in the public health field include:
- Health Law Advocates, Boston
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston
- Tufts Medical Center, Boston
- National Health Law Program, Inc. Washington, D.C.
- Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, New York
- The Lindesmith Center, San Francisco
- Partners Health Care, Boston

Examples of Applied Learning Experiences include:
- Health Law Advocates, Boston
- Community Catalyst
- Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Boston
- Conservation Law Foundation
- Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ADMISSION

Students may apply to the JD/MPH dual degree program at the same time they apply to Northeastern University School of Law. Students should apply online to the law school through LSAC. The Tufts application can be found at: http://publichealth.tufts.edu/Admissions/JD-Master-of-Public-Health. Law school recommendations form the law school packet may be used to apply to the Tufts MPH program. Students applying to the JD/MPH dual degree program do not need to take the GRE. Both applications must be submitted by March 1st, if you are applying for the dual-degree program.

The JD/MPH dual degree program also accepts applications during a student’s first or second year of law school and from students transferring to the law school. Admission into either school does not guarantee admission into the other program.

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