MPH Field Study for Dual Degree Students: 
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Master of Public Health (DO/MPH)

Students in the DO/MPH Dual Degree program are required to complete 30 credit hours of the PH curriculum and are allowed to transfer 12 units from the DO curriculum. In addition, these students receive an automatic 200-hour waiver for the PH field study, which is reduced from the 400 hour requirement of the Independent MPH students.

Dual degree students have two different options for undertaking the field study, following the completion of all core and track MPH courses:

1. The field study course can be carried out as an exclusive MPH course managed by the MPH Program and independent of the DO Program. This option is permissible during any academic session as long as it does not conflict with other DO curricula requirements.

Or

2. The field study course can serve as one of the two elective clinical rotation requirements available during the 3rd clinical year or during the Research Rotation in the 4th clinical year; in which case it must be approved, meet all MPH field study requirements and also be evaluated and approved by clinical education department.

Regardless of when the field study course is undertaken, it will be facilitated by the MPH Program. Consequently, all dual degree students must register for and complete 200 hours for the Public Health Field Study course (*PH 645 – 2 units) in a local community or global placement site.

- Community Health track students are required to complete the local field study - primarily in the SF Bay Area as well as other communities throughout the state and region. Specific community track placement sites can include, but are not limited to; community -based organizations, health departments, hospitals, etc.

- Global Health track students are required to complete a global field study abroad. Current available sites include Ethiopia and Bolivia.

Local site selection may be through or through utilization of the Program's organizational network. When the Program is involved, students are directed to appropriate sites and opportunities depending on their stated skills inventory and interests. The office maintains a database of preceptor opportunities. Students identify those in which they are interested and for which they are qualified. They then interview competitively for these positions. For those field study placements that are identified through a student’s own resources, the placement must be approved by the MPH Field Study Director and the clinical education department, if it also serves as a clinical elective) before the field study begins.
MPH Field Study for Dual Degree Students:  
Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health (PharmD/MPH)

Students in the PharmD/MPH Dual Degree program are required to complete 30 credit hours of the PH curriculum and are allowed to transfer 12 units from the PharmD curriculum. In addition, these students receive an automatic 200-hour waiver for the PH field study, which is reduced from the 400 hour requirement of the Independent MPH students.

Dual degree students have two different options for undertaking the field study, following the completion of all core and track MPH courses:

3. The field study course can be carried out as an exclusive MPH course managed by the MPH Program and independent of the PharmD Program. This option is permissible during any academic session as long as it does not conflict with other PharmD curricula requirements.

   Or

4. The field study course can serve as one of the two elective clinical rotation requirements available during an “open block” during the 3rd clinical year or during the Research Rotation in the 4th clinical year; in which case it must be approved, meet all MPH field study requirements and also be evaluated and approved by clinical education department.

Regardless of when the field study course is undertaken, it will be facilitated by the MPH Program. Consequently, all dual degree students must register for and complete 200 hours for the Public Health Field Study course (*PH 645 – 2 units) in a local community or global placement site.

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Dual Degree (DO/MPH or PharmD/MPH)
MPH Field Study Approval Form

Student Name:____________________________________________________
Academic Program (Circle One):   DO/MPH  PharmD/MPH
Academic Year: __________________________________________________
Proposed Placement: _____________________________________________
Preceptor Name and Credentials (MPH, DO, PharmD, etc.)
________________________________________________________________
Address:________________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________________________
Proposed Project: (Describe the main objectives of this placement in 2-3 sentences)

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Approved
MPH Field Study Coordinator
__________________________________________________________________________  
(Signature)  Date

Clinical Education Director/Coordinator
__________________________________________________________________________  
(Signature)  Date