

**2.13 JOINT DEGREES. IF THE SCHOOL OFFERS JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS, THE REQUIRED CURRICULUM FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO THAT REQUIRED FOR A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE.**

2.13.a. Identification of joint degree programs offered by the school. The instructional matrix in Criterion 2.1.a may be referenced for this purpose.

The SPH has the following professional joint degrees. Also see Instructional Matrix in Criteria 2.1.a.

**Table 2.13.a: Joint Program Enrollment**

Program	AY 2013-14	AY 2014-15	AY 2015-16
PA-MPH	46	45	40
JD/LLM-MPH	4	4	4
MD- MPH	2	1	1
MA-MPH	1	1	2
HCC-MHA	1	3	0

Data from Fall census.

2.13.b. A list and description of how each joint degree program differs from the standard degree program. The school must explain the rationale for any credit sharing or substitution as well as the process for validating that the joint degree curriculum is equivalent.

The standard MPH is 45 credits.

**Table 2.13.b.: Credit Sharing for Joint Degree Programs**

Program	Shared Credits	Explanation
<b>PA (MSHS)-MPH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA 6109 is cross credited to count for PUBH 6001 (2 credits).</li> <li>PA 6112 &amp; PA 6122 count for 5 elective credits.</li> <li>In COPC track only- PA 6113 counts for PUBH 6514 (2 credits)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA 6109*- <i>Foundations of Medicine</i> provides ample human science content to substitute for PUBH 6001- <i>Biological Concepts in PH</i>.</li> <li>PA 6112*- <i>Clinical Medicine 1</i> and PA 6122*-<i>Role of the PA in American Health Care</i> provide relevant content to represent elective coursework.</li> <li>PA 6113*- <i>Clinical Medicine 2</i> replaces a requirement in the COPC program (PUBH 6514- <i>Preventing Health Disparities</i>) because of repetitive material.</li> </ul>
<b>JD-MPH &amp; LLM-MPH</b>	8 credits	Up to 8 credits from the law school can be counted toward elective credits in the MPH. Each course is evaluated individually for content and relevance to an MPH related to health law and policy.

**Table 2.13.b.: Credit Sharing for Joint Degree Programs, (continued)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Shared Credits</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>MD-MPH</b>	PUBH 6001 (2 credits) waived.	These students have ample human science.
<b>MA/MPH</b>	6 credits	Students can carry 6 credits from the MA to the MPH to use as elective credits. The MA program allows students to use 12 credits from the MPH program to satisfy MA requirements.
<b>Peace Corp-MPH</b>	None	
<b>Certificate in Healthcare Corporate Compliance (HCC)-MPH or MS in Health Policy/ MHA</b>	Credits earned in the certificate can be applied to the master's degree.	

*\* These syllabi are available in ERF 2.6.c- Required Syllabi (PCH department)*

**2.13.c. Assessment of the extent to which this criterion is met and an analysis of the school's strengths, weaknesses and plans relating to this criterion.**

This criterion is met.

**Strengths:**

- Joint degrees are offered with the Law School, Columbian College, College of Professional Studies, and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- Academic collaboration with United States Peace Corp for the Master's International Program.

**Challenges:**

- The PA and MD joint programs have been very credit-heavy.
- Some of the joint degrees should be more blended.
- Application process can be confusing.

**Future Plans:**

- This past year we worked with the School of Medicine and Health Sciences to review and revise the joint PA/MPH program to reduce credits. We rolled out the new curriculum in Fall 2015 and will continue to monitor program success.
- We are in discussions with the School of Medicine to evaluate a PH certificate for medical students.
- Greater visibility for joint programs.
- Investigate joint programs with the School of Nursing and the School of Business.