The George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS) seeks to graduate “clinician-citizens.” We define this as clinicians who are prepared to deliver excellent patient care in 21st century health systems; pursue, translate, and apply scholarly inquiry to inform decisionmaking and improve health systems; design population-based interventions to address issues that impact the health of individuals and diverse populations; engage with communities to improve health and promote health equity for local, national, and global communities; perform effectively on interprofessional teams; and, serve as leaders and advocates to improve the health and lives of patients AND communities.

To achieve these objectives, the SMHS curriculum continues to evolve to better meet the demands of our changing health systems. As part of that process, SMHS is joining with the Milken Institute School of Public Health at GW (Milken Institute SPH) to provide two combined medicine-public health programs for MD students: the MD/MPH and the MD/Graduate Certificate in Public Health. Upon completion of either the MD/MPH or MD/Certificate, students may take the national certifying exam in public health (CPH).

**MD/MPH**

MD students can complete an MPH with one additional year of training (4 years MD + 1 year MPH) in any of the following residential MPH programs:

- Community Oriented Primary Care
- Environmental Health Science and Policy
- Epidemiology
- Global Environmental Health
- Global Health Epidemiology and Disease Control
- Global Health Policy
- Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation
- Health Policy
- Health Promotion
- Maternal and Child Health
- Public Health Communication and Marketing

By capitalizing on the SMHS MD curriculum’s inclusion of public health, population health, and health systems in its clinical public health curriculum, the MD/MPH provides 15 cross-credits from the MD program for Milken Institute SPH courses (PUBH 6001, 6006, 6014, 6015, up to 6 credits electives), with 30 credits to be completed at Milken Institute SPH. Also, 4 credits from Milken Institute SPH (PUBH 6004, 6007) will cross-count as 4 weeks of MD fourth-year electives. Students may begin Milken Institute SPH coursework during the summer after either Year 1 or Year 3 of the MD program.

**MD/Certificate**

MD students can complete a Graduate Certificate in Public Health within the 4-year MD Program structure. Providing a foundational understanding of the disciplines of public health, the MD/Certificate provides 5 cross-credits from the MD program for Milken Institute SPH courses (PUBH 6001, 6006), with 10 credits to be completed at Milken Institute SPH. Also, 4 credits from Milken Institute SPH (PUBH 6004, 6007) will cross-count as 4 weeks of MD fourth-year electives. All credits taken for the MD/Certificate can be applied toward the MD/MPH if students choose to transfer within their 4-year MD program. Students begin Milken Institute SPH coursework during the summer after Year 1 of the MD program.

**Both programs approved as of December 2017**

An Information Session for the combined programs takes place during the first weeks of MD classes.

Applications for MD/Certificate and MD/MPH (Year 1 start) are submitted January of Year 1; applications are submitted during Year 3 for MD/MPH (Year 3 start).

Both combined programs are eligible for federal financial aid; all financial aid submissions and disbursements are handled through SMHS.