**Dual Degree Graduates**

Students who graduate from this dual degree program will be competitive and competent for positions in governmental agencies (e.g., ministries of education or health), bilateral and multilateral institutions (e.g. UNICEF, World Bank, OSI, CDC), non-governmental organizations, international development agencies, private foundations (e.g. Gates Foundation), private consultancies, and academia.

**Admission Information**

Students must apply and be accepted to each program. Students can either apply to one program and after matriculating into that program, apply independently to the other program, or apply to both programs simultaneously.

To apply:
- Applications to the MPH program must be submitted online through SOPHAS: medschool.vanderbilt.edu/mph/admissions
- Applications to the MEd program must be submitted through the Vanderbilt Graduate School: apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply

**Diversity**

Both programs value diversity in students, faculty, and staff. We believe that having a diverse learning community enhances the experience for all learners and results in better outcomes for public health and human development.
THE PROGRAM

The M.Ed./M.P.H. dual degree seeks to train and equip the next generation of leaders to find solutions to health and educational challenges globally and with foreign-born populations in our own communities.

Through an innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum grounded in didactic and experiential learning, the M.Ed./M.P.H. dual degree offers an opportunity for students to more fully understand and apply alternative solutions to current and emerging health and educational challenges across the globe.

The M.Ed./M.P.H. dual degree takes a multidisciplinary approach to health and education, recruits from a diverse pool of applicants, helps students develop crucial programmatic skills, and offers a flexible curriculum tailored to individual interests.

Mission: The Master in Education (M.Ed.), International Education Policy Management (IEPM) is designed for students who intend to build a career working on issues related to the study of education and its effect on social and economic development both here in the United States and worldwide. The Master in Public Health (M.P.H.), Global Health prepares students to be leaders and innovators dedicated to improving public health by applying alternative solutions to current and emerging health challenges in low resource settings.

Sample Course of Study:

| Semester 1: Fall | • Core methodology courses for M.Ed. (9 credit hours) |
| Semester 2: Spring | • Core methodology and elective courses for M.Ed. (9 credit hours) • Elective courses* for M.P.H. (optional) |
| Summer 1 | • Practicum (ideally, relates to both health and education but could focus on one discipline) |
| Semester 3: Fall | • Core M.P.H. courses (15 credit hours) |
| Semester 4: Spring | • Core Global Health courses (9 credit hours) |
| Summer 2 | • 2nd Practicum or Additional Coursework |
| Semester 5: Fall | • Elective courses for M.Ed./M.P.H. • M.P.H. thesis work |
| Semester 6: Spring | • Elective courses for M.Ed./M.P.H. • M.P.H. thesis work & presentation • M.Ed. portfolio development |

*Students may take elective courses from departments across campus including business, economics, language study, theology, and more. Students meet with their academic advisor once a month to determine courses that best meet their career interests.

Practicum

The Practicum is a field work experience that provides students an opportunity to explore issues in global health and education and to develop practical skills in addressing real-world problems.

One field experience that involves both health and education can satisfy the practicum requirement for both programs if it meets the following criteria: 400 hours in length (for the M.P.H. program) and span at least two months (for the M.Ed. program). Students may opt to complete two practica.

Sample of previous practicum sites:
M.Ed. tinyurl.com/IEPM-practicum
M.P.H. tinyurl.com/VUMPHpracticum

Graduation requirements

Dual degree students will compile a professional portfolio to satisfy the requirements of both programs. The portfolio should be comprised of a minimum of five deliverables. The M.P.H. thesis and its oral presentation will count as two deliverables. The remaining three deliverables will be decided upon by the student in conjunction with their IEPM advisor(s).