

PHARMACY — PHARM.D. WITH POPULATION MEDICINE — M.P.H.

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Faculty

The faculty for the combined degrees Population Medicine with Pharmacy Program are drawn from Loma Linda University's Schools of Public Health and Pharmacy.

Students are selected through a process involving both the School of Pharmacy and School of Public Health. Selection is based on standard admission criteria for the MPH degree in Population Medicine, especially alignment of professional goals with the population medicine program learning outcomes.

The program is designed for pharmacists seeking to improve health on both the individual and population levels. The curriculum includes applied practice of risk assessment and communication, prevention, leadership, health professional well-being, and evidence-based practice.

An MPH degree in Population Medicine pursued as a stand-alone program requires 56 units in public health and related coursework. In the PharmD/MPH combined degree, required coursework from each program is applied across curricula to reduce the overall unit load while maintaining the full learning objectives of both degrees. Specifically, 9 units of MPH coursework are applied toward the PharmD degree requirements, and 9 units of PharmD coursework are applied toward the MPH degree requirements as outlined below:

First Year	Units
Standard Pharm.D. curriculum (Includes SAS 1, which fulfills 4 units of M.P.H. electives)	4
M.P.H. coursework includes the following course, which fulfills 3 units of Pharm.D. electives)	
PMED 553 Population Medicine in Public Health III	3
Second Year	
Standard Pharm.D. curriculum (Includes courses fulfilling 4 units of electives and a religion requirement)	5
M.P.H. coursework (Includes PMED 551 and PMED 552, which fulfill 6 units of Pharm.D. electives)	
PMED 551 Population Medicine in Public Health I	5
PMED 552 Population Medicine in Public Health II	5
PMED 554 Population Medicine in Public Health IV	5
PMED 555 Population Medicine in Public Health V	5
Third Year	
Standard Pharm.D. curriculum	
M.P.H. coursework	

PCOR 501	Public Health for Community Resilience	5
PCOR 502	Public Health for a Healthy Lifestyle	5
PCOR 503	Public Health and Health Systems	5

Fourth Year

Standard Pharm.D. curriculum

M.P.H. coursework

PMED 521	Population Medicine I	5
PMED 522	Population Medicine II	5

Total Units: 57

Completion of a portfolio that includes the Applied Practice Experience and Integrative Learning Experience.

Normal time to complete the program

4 years