The Glenn College of Public Affairs and the College of Public Health a dual degree between the extant, approved MPA and MPH. The proposal describes a pathway through, as well as an admissions policy for, these two degrees.

The proposal was received by the Graduate School on 15 November 2017. It was reviewed by the combined GS/CAA Curriculum subcommittee, chaired by Faculty Fellow Jennifer Schlueter, on 8 February 2018 and revisions were requested. Revisions were received on 28 June 2018 and reviewed electronically. They met with GS/CAA approval, and the proposal was forwarded on to the Graduate Council. The revised proposal was reviewed and approved by the Graduate Council on 27 September 2018.
Hi Michael:

Thanks for this. I certainly can move this proposal onward to Graduate Council review as it currently stands without fulfilling the GS/CAA curriculum subcommittee's request. I'll include your email as a cover page for context, while also acknowledging that both the Graduate Council and CAA have the right to request revisions from CPH before approval.

Best,
Jen

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Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 4:48 PM
To: Schlueter, Jennifer
Cc: Speer, Shari; Toft, Jill A.; Bertone, Alicia; Droesch, Kynthia; Smith, Randy
Subject: RE: MPA/MPH Dual Degree

Thank you for your email, Jennifer. I delayed my reply until I could discuss at APAC Tuesday the broader issue of “acceptable scope of criteria” necessary for approval of dual and combined degrees. There was unanimous understanding that for dual and combined degrees involving individual degrees already approved for delivery that the only criteria that must be met for approval are those listed in the GS Handbook. In this case, Section 6.7 applies to our proposed dual MPA-MPH degree plan. In relation, dual degree curricular plans can be established for individual students based on case-by-case requests. However, the College of Public Health and its accrediting body CEPH see value in having some select already approved and established dual and combined degrees available in advance for students to pursue.
To provide your committee information beyond the required criteria in 6.7 would require guessing. Accordingly, I am respectfully asking that you waive the committee’s request for “deeper explication of the need and demand for the dual degree, as well as projected enrollments” and instead proceed with approval on the basis of what we submitted in alignment with the required criteria. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Thank you very much.

Mike

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Dear Scott:

Enclosed for your review is a proposal for the creation of a dual degree between the M.P.A. in Public Affairs and the MPH in the College of Public Health, which we are pleased to endorse. This dual degree will promote the interests of both the Glenn College and the College of Public Health and serve the overall mission of the University. Moreover, the dual degree will fill a gap in student interest for those wishing to pursue careers in public health behavior and promotion and policy. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Glenn School’s Graduate Studies Committee on 11/14/17 and by the College of Public Health.

Structurally, for those students who qualify for the Masters of Public Administration and a Masters of Public Health (Health Behavior and Health Promotion), the dual MPA-MPH totals 76-77 credits. There are 26 credits unique to the MPA, 24-25 unique to the MPH, and 26 shared or dual credits. The dual degree is designed to be completed in 3 years.

We are happy to answer any questions you might have regarding the proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

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Michael S. Bisesi, Senior Associate Dean, College of Public Health
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Proposal to Create Dual Degrees between the John Glenn College and the College of Public Health (MPA/MPH)

Introduction
The John Glenn College of Public Affairs (Glenn College) and the College of Public Health (CPH) propose to create the dual Master’s degree: Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Promotion (MPH-HBHP).

The proposed dual degree seeks to promote the interests of both units and to serve the mission of the Ohio State University. The proposed dual degrees will:

- Add to our ability to prepare students for careers in the public sector, public policy and the healthcare sector, utilizing existing resources at the University without a significant increase in resources (such as new faculty) and courses;
- Allow the Glenn College to add health policy content to elective and capstone classes currently offered in order to incorporate broader areas of their research interest and expertise, which will further enrich the College’s existing curriculum;
- Increase the attractiveness of the degree program to a student population which to this point we have not been able to accommodate.
- Greatly assist to obtain a wide range of employment with the dual degree (e.g., working in the private and nonprofit sectors and with a variety of national, state and local agencies);
- Contribute to the University and Colleges’ objective of fostering interdisciplinary curricular options and research; and
- Enhance diversity in both units’ student populations in terms of backgrounds, perspectives, skills and knowledge that students would bring into our respective programs.

For The Ohio State University, the degree will:
- Contribute to the University’s desire to foster interdisciplinary curricular options;
- Strengthen two academic units by expanding the capacity for each without adding additional resources; and
- Enhance curricular offerings for graduate students throughout the University.

Admissions Policies
Students may either apply to both programs when applying to graduate school or to one program, and then once matriculated, complete the application process for the other program. Students who have been admitted to the MPA program should apply through SOPHAS for their application to the College of Public Health. Students admitted to the MPH must contact the Glenn College before applying to the MPA program. Students will be held to the standard admissions policies and processes as dictated by each college.

Program Curricula and Course of Study: Although the MPA and the MPH each requires two academic years, it is possible to complete both degrees in three academic years without modifying the core course requirements of either program. The faculty in each area have agreed to permit some substitutions, which are built into the sample program plan (attached). In order to take maximum advantage of the opportunity for course substitution, it is advantageous for the student to take the first year of the dual degree program in the MPA curriculum. The second year is concentrated in the MPH curriculum, with some openings for electives, and the third year combines courses from both programs.
**Degree Requirements**
For each degree, all coursework that is to count toward degree requirements must be graded (“A-E” or “S/U”) graduate-level coursework at the 5000-level or above.

Taken separately, the MPH is comprised of 45 credit hours and the MPA is 52 credit hours. The dual degree requires a minimum of 24 to 25 credits from the College of Public Health, a minimum of 26 credits from the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, and a minimum of 26 dual or shared credits for a total of 76-77 credit hours.

See next page for specific course requirements / advising sheet.
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**Public Affairs**
Degree Expected: MPA: 26 minimum (50% of degree total)

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**Total Unique Hours MPA: 26**

### 2nd Academic Unit
**Public Health**
Degree Expected: MPH Specialization: HBHP (Health Behavior & Health Promotion): 23 minimum (50% of degree total)

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**Total Unique Hours Public Health: 24-25**

### Dual Credits:
26 minimum (50% of larger degree – MPA)

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**Total Hours - Dual Credits: 26**

**Minimum Total Credit Hours for Dual Degree Program: 76-77**
*Students may choose from the following
Skills Courses (1 credit)
PUBAFRS 6505 Governmental Accounting
PUBAFRS 6510 Conveying Quantitative Data in Public Affairs
PUBAFRS 6513 Excel I
PUBAFRS 6514 Excel II
PUBAFRS 6515 Database Management
PUBAFRS 6520 Balanced Scorecards and Dashboards
PUBAFRS 6525 Survey Design
PUBAFRS 6530 Negotiation
PUBAFRS 6890 Skills Special Topics

Capstone Courses (3 credits)
PUBAFRS 7900: Capstone: Research Paper in Public Affairs
PUBAFRS 7910: Capstone: Public Policy Issues
PUBAFRS 7920: Capstone: Public Economics
PUBAFRS 7930: Capstone: Public Budgeting and Finance
PUBAFRS 7940: Capstone: Public Management
PUBAFRS 7950: Capstone: Nonprofit Management
PUBAFRS 7960: Capstone: Information Management
PUBAFRS 7970: Capstone: International Issues in Public Affairs

Not all capstone courses are offered regularly but at least one Capstone is offered every term. Please consult an advisor for details on future offerings and see http://glenn.osu.edu/graduate/academics/course-offerings/ for past, current, and future course schedules. Be sure to consult the master schedule via Buckeye Link to determine if you have the pre-requisites in place in order to take a specific Capstone course.

Students are, with rare exception, required to take the capstone course in the semester in which they intend to graduate. An overall grade of “B” or higher is required for the capstone course to count as the MPA exit requirement. Please see http://glenn.osu.edu/graduate/mpa/mpa-attributes/Capstone.pdf for more details.