

# LIFELONG LEARNING AND ADULT EDUCATION

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## Joint Degrees

### Joint M.D./M.Ed. with the college of Medicine

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-211 Joint Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-211-joint-degree-programs/>).

#### Admission Requirements

Those who wish to apply for admission to the joint M.D./M.Ed. degree program would have to meet the admission requirements for both the M.D./M.Ed. programs. Admissions requirements and applications for admission for Penn State College of Medicine are available at the M.D. Program (<http://med.psu.edu/md/>) section of the Penn State College of Medicine website. Prospective students interested in simultaneously pursuing an M.D. and M.Ed. first must apply to the Penn State College of Medicine M.D. program using the national American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application system and indicate their intent to pursue the M.D. degree at Penn State. Applicants are encouraged to identify themselves as candidates for the joint degree program at this time. However, medical students who realize after accepting admission into Penn State's College of Medicine that they are interested in the joint M.D./M.Ed. can apply for admission to the joint degree during their first three years in the College of Medicine. Given that students will already be enrolled in the College of Medicine it will be possible for faculty to observe their academic record and counsel them on the advisability of the joint degree.

The general admission requirements for the M.Ed. degree are listed on the Admission Requirements tab. Joint M.D./M.Ed. candidates may substitute the MCAT for GRE or MAT scores. After the student has been accepted to the College of Medicine, s/he must apply and be admitted to the Graduate School (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) for admission to the graduate program.

#### Degree Requirements

Students must fulfill all requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the M.D. program are listed on the M.D. Program (<http://med.psu.edu/md/>) section of the Penn State College of Medicine website. Degree requirements for the M.Ed. degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In accordance with the Graduate Council policy on Joint Degree Programs (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/joint-degree-programs/>), any nine credits from the M.D. program will meet the substitution requirement into the M.Ed., and any nine credits from the M.Ed. will be accepted into the M.D. program, from among the courses that reflect the interdisciplinary common ground between the two programs. It is to be noted that the course requirements for the joint degree are the same for students admitted to the M.Ed. in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education in the Medical and Health Professions option. If students accepted into the joint degree program are unable to complete the M.D. degree, they are still eligible to receive the M.Ed. degree if all the M.Ed. degree requirements have been satisfied.