



# QUILLEN COLLEGE *of* MEDICINE

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Policy Name: **Dual Degree Program Policy**

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## Policy Statement:

Quillen College of Medicine students may expand their experience and training by pursuing additional educational programs outside of their MD curriculum. Current articulated programs include two dual degree program – MD/MPH & MD/MBA – and one certificate program – Healthcare Spanish Certificate.

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**Purpose of Policy:**

To ensure an understanding of requirements in order to apply for and continue participating in any dual degree program at Quillen.

**Scope of Policy (applies to):**

All Quillen College of Medicine students.

**Policy Activities:**

Students seeking to participate must meet eligibility criteria through the Quillen College of Medicine Admissions and Records office prior to completing an application to any dual program. Once obtained, application will be made through ETSU's Graduate School who determines admissions eligibility for all graduate school programs. Registration for the dual course work will occur through Admissions and Records.

The medical education program is the priority degree for any student participating in a dual degree or certificate program. Should a student experience academic difficulty they will be unable to continue and must withdraw from their dual program to focus solely on their medical education.

Additionally, students accepted into the accelerated progress to training track (Tri-TRAILS) may not participate in any of the dual degree programs due to the intensity and time constraints of the accelerated curriculum.

**MD/MPH**

This program complements medical training of clinician-practitioners with additional in-depth training in public health. The Master of Public Health has four concentrations, all with competency-based curricula: Biostatistics, Community Health, Epidemiology, and Public Health Leadership & Policy. Enrolled students will choose one of these concentrations. Students may choose to complete the MPH within their four years of medical school or take a leave of absence after their third year to complete the MPH portion of training prior to beginning their fourth year of medical school.

Graduates of the MD/MPH dual-degree program will have a broader perspective on health, with a special focus on health promotion and disease prevention strategies. The public health training component strengthens the student-physician's ability to conduct and interpret research. Students enrolled in the articulated program will develop knowledge and skills to address health and disease for the individual and the population levels.

**MD/MBA**

This program is designed for students interested in pursuing the study of medicine, while also gaining business expertise. An MBA offers the opportunity to develop business acumen and leaderships skills to extend knowledge beyond patient care. Students become highly experienced physician leaders while acquiring tools to pursue management, administrative, and leadership roles. Students may choose to complete the MBA on a two-year or three-year track.

**Healthcare Spanish Certificate**

This certification program prepares health professionals to interact with Spanish-speaking patients and their families through acquisition of the necessary level of speaking and listening proficiency in Spanish, especially with terminology and grammar structures used in a healthcare setting, as well as a solid understanding of social and cultural issues related to the Hispanic population and healthcare.

<b>Administrative Reviews/Approvals</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
<i>University Compliance (if applicable)</i>	
<i>Policy Advisory Committee (includes three-year reviews)</i>	4/4/2024

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<i>Associate Dean for Accreditation Compliance (if applicable)</i>	4/4/2024
<i>Vice Dean for Academic Affairs</i>	4/5/2024

<b>Policy Review and/or Revision Completed By (if applicable)</b>	<b>Date Policy Reviewed and/or Approved (if applies to that department, committee, or group)</b>
<i>Office of the Dean</i>	
<i>Office of Academic Affairs</i>	4/5/2024
<i>Office of Student Affairs</i>	
<i>Department of Medical Education</i>	
<i>Medical Student Education Committee</i>	
<i>Student Promotions Committee</i>	
<i>Faculty Advisory Council</i>	
<i>Administrative Council</i>	
<i>M1/M2 Course Directors</i>	
<i>M3/M4 Clerkship/Course Directors</i>	
<i>Student Groups/Organizations (describe):</i>	
<i>Other (describe):</i>	

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