Name of medical school:
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University (SKMC)

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Name of school/program that offers the MPH curriculum:
Jefferson College of Population Health

Length of program:
The MD-MPH program takes 5 years to complete. Students step out of SKMC after they complete their 3rd year of medical school. Students then enter the MPH program and complete courses over three terms (September-June). SKMC students receive 12 transfer credits (equal to 4 MPH courses) for content covered during their medical education. Students in the dual degree program take 11 MPH courses (7 required classes and 4 electives). The MD-MPH dual degree program is approved by the Council of Education on Public Health (CEPH).

Curriculum:
The MPH degree provides clinicians sound research, policy, and advocacy skills and prepares them to address the social determinants of health at the patient’s side and in the community. The MPH curriculum addresses disease prevention, health promotion, environmental awareness, health behavior, communication, cultural competence, health equity, health disparities, epidemiology, health statistics, and program planning and evaluation. Importantly, the MPH program provides medical students the opportunity to individualize their public health training by providing several elective course options; a student designed mentored research project, referred to as the Capstone-Integrated Learning Experience (C-ILE); and a Clerkship-Applied Practice Experience (C-APE). Many students complete their C-ILE project when they return to medical school for their final year. Many MD-MPH students express a strong interest in research, healthcare quality and safety, or global health and several students travel nationally and globally to complete their C-ILE or C-APE.

Application Details:
Medical students should apply in the fall term of Phase 2 (early in their 3rd year) at SKMC.

MPH Tuition Policy:
SKMC students receive a 15% tuition discount for courses taken in the MPH program. MD-MPH students may also qualify for a Gonnella Scholarship.

Website:
https://www.jefferson.edu/university/population-health/degrees-programs/MDMPH.html