MD/MBA Program

The MD/MBA is a combined degree program sponsored by the McGovern Medical School and the University of Houston-Clear Lake. The MD/MBA program will prepare students to compete and succeed in a changing health care environment. The Prototype Course Schedule for the MD/MBA provides a recommended course sequence for students to successfully earn a MD/ MBA in 5 years. Shared credit hours, summer coursework, and online class availability allows students the necessary flexibility to couple their medical school education with highly sought business acumen.

When do I apply to the MD/MBA program?

Application to the program can be accomplished at any point in your medical school career. However it is strongly suggested that you do this as soon as possible and in the most ideal scenario this commitment is made prior to you beginning your first classes at the medical school. This approach ensures that the core requirements are fulfilled.

Everyone’s individual circumstances are different. Our “standard” curriculum displayed on the website displays all requirements and suggested sequencing. At times, credit toward the MBA degree may be given for business courses taken as an undergraduate.

We have designed the MBA curriculum to integrate with the MD curriculum. The program is designed to award both degrees at the end of a five year period. Efficiency is gained by the University of Houston accepting some medical school course credits toward the MBA degree and by UTHealth allowing some electives to be taken in areas applicable to the MBA degree.

How do I apply to the MD/MBA program?

Please coordinate with the Student Affairs Office at the Medical School. They will designate you as a dual degree candidate and assure that you are in academic good standing. Application to UHCL can be made by utilizing their website and/or notifying Dr. Kathleen Williamson in the School of Business.

If you have questions and/or plan to apply, please contact the UTHealth Program Director, Dr. Michael W. Bungo for advice (713/500-5532).

Is financial aid available?

Financial aid for the program is administered independently by UTHealth for the MD degree and by UHCL for the MBA degree. Please investigate your particular needs and requirements with the respective institution(s).
MD/MBA Dual Degree Program
McGovern Medical School
UH-Clear Lake School of Business

The Doctor of Medicine/Master of Business Administration dual degree program is a collaboration between The McGovern Medical School (MMS) and the University of Houston-Clear Lake School of Business (UHCL). Shared credit hours, summer coursework, and MBA online class availability permits Medical School students the necessary flexibility to complete the dual MD/MBA in 5 years. Physicians with MBA degrees are well prepared, and highly sought, for leadership roles in the ever-changing business of delivering effective, efficient and affordable healthcare.

The MD and MBA degree programs are independently accredited and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The integrated dual degree program satisfies the independent requirements of both the MD and MBA. Through sharing of registrar’s records, acceptance to the UHCL program is granted to MMS medical students without having to process this additional documentation.

Physicians with MBA degrees are well suited to assume leadership roles in hospitals, group practices, the insurance industry, accountable care organizations, and academic health organizations.

Useful links:
http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/BUS/School-of-Business/Programs/MBA
https://med.uth.edu/admissions/dual-degree-programs/
Although the curriculum at both UTHealth and the University of Houston is always under development and subject to change, a prototype of the dual degree program is offer below for illustrative purposes. Transfer credits for business courses taken as an undergraduate prior to medical school with be considered for credit fulfilling the MBA requirements.

The unique properties of this program include full integration into the medical school curriculum and an MBA that is specifically designed and tailored to the healthcare industry.

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