Logistically, the program works like this:
Students may take MPH coursework during the summer term before and during their veterinary curriculum. The summer work includes online distance education courses, as well as attendance at least two three-week, intensive Public Health Institutes that allows students to earn 6 to 8 credit hours per session. The institute is held on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus in May/June. Students can also take online courses during the regular school year.

Students must also complete a field experience and a master’s project related to public health. The field experience and research project may be completed during summers or during fourth-year veterinary rotations, and can be arranged almost anywhere in North America.

Some public health and zoonotic disease electives may count toward both the DVM and the MPH.

To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled in good standing in an accredited college of veterinary medicine. Students may begin their MPH as soon as they are accepted into veterinary school, provided they hold a baccalaureate degree.

About the University of Minnesota
The University of Minnesota is unique in having nationally recognized programs in veterinary medicine; public health; medicine; agriculture, food and environmental sciences, business and law all located on the Twin Cities campus. It is the ideal venue for a dual DVM/MPH program, providing interdisciplinary teaching, a broad range of expertise and other resources to meet student needs.

Minneapolis and St. Paul consistently rank very high on national quality of life ratings – and for good reason. Leading arts, theater and cultural activities are just minutes away. We have a number of professional sports teams and numerous recreational opportunities, from marathons and sailboarding to fishing and downhill skiing. Spectacular outdoor areas such as numerous metropolitan lakes, the craggy North Shore of Lake Superior and the pristine Boundary Waters Canoe Area are complemented by the beauty of four seasons.

For More Information
For information about the University of Minnesota DVM program or the Veterinary Public Health program, please contact the College of Veterinary Medicine at dvminfo@umn.edu or 612.624.4747.

For information on the Veterinary Public Health Program and MPH programs and schedules, contact the School of Public Health at php@umn.edu or 612.626.5665.

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Expand Your Career Options

Why a dual degree?
Adding an MPH to your DVM degree greatly expands your professional options. The dual degree program positions you to compete more effectively for positions that deal with the interface of human and animal health, spanning the biomedical and food industries, as well as with state and federal government agencies involved with agriculture, public health, and animal health. Potential employers also include the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the military, the uniformed public health service, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and international organizations.

What types of work can I do with a DVM/MPH?
Veterinarians with public health credentials serve as leaders for such zoonoses prevention and control programs as rabies, foodborne illnesses, and avianflu; they operate as field epidemiologists investigating new and emerging diseases; they help strengthen the country’s ability to respond to bioterrorism and public health-related emergencies; and they coordinate critical activities within industry, non-profit organizations, government and academia.

Who is eligible?
Students must hold a baccalaureate degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 point scale) and be admitted to and in good standing in a college while simultaneously earning your MPH from the University of Minnesota. You can pursue your DVM at any qualified veterinary college while simultaneously earning your MPH from the University of Minnesota.

How much more work will this require?
A minimum of 42 semester credits in public health-related courses and a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) are required to earn the MPH degree.

How do I apply for the MPH?
The following materials must be sent to the University of Minnesota School of Public Health:
• a statement of intent
• a letter of acceptance/good standing from the veterinary college
• an MPH program application and fee
• a completed recommendation form and attachment letter
• a signed release permitting the veterinary school to release student records to the University of Minnesota which includes transcripts, GRE scores and additional letters of recommendation.

The application is available online at www.sph.umn.edu.