Checklist for the
University of Florida Joint DVM/MPH Program Application

The application process for the UF Joint DVM/MPH Program is open to any student accepted into the DVM program. However, due to the timing of several deadlines for the MPH portion of the application process, some interested students may need to apply to the MPH program prior to being notified of acceptance into the DVM program. The Joint DVM/MPH Program application process is coordinated between the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) and College of Public Health and Health Professions (CPHHP), and involves the following steps. The stated deadlines must be met in order to begin the Joint DVM/MPH Program in the summer semester of 2015:

1. **Develop a statement of intent for your Joint DVM/MPH Program application**
   A statement of intent is very important for acceptance into the Joint DVM/MPH Program. The statement should be 750-1000 words, and should convey:
   
   - Why you would like to participate in the Joint DVM/MPH Program. (i.e. What professional interests and/or previous experiences make you believe this program is a good fit for you?)
   - What you hope to learn/gain through the Joint DVM/MPH Program.
   - How completion of the Joint DVM/MPH Program will help you achieve your career goals.
   
   Your statement of intent should be submitted online within your MPH graduate program application. See below for further instructions.

2. **Apply to the MPH program for Summer of 2015 by March 1, 2015**
   A. Submit the following to the UF Graduate School Office of Admissions by March 1, 2015:
   
   - UF Graduate School Application (which should include your Statement of Intent)
   - Applications may be submitted online at http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/phhp2009. on or before March 1, 2015.
   - Detailed information regarding applying to the UF Graduate School is on the Graduate School website. This includes application forms for printing to submit via US Mail if necessary http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/admission/how-to-apply/#process. Please note that this website will also mention letters of recommendation, however the letters that were submitted with your UF College of Veterinary Medicine application will be used for the joint program application. There is no need to request new letters of recommendation.
   - Application fee (please see admissions website for current fee)
   - Official transcript(s) – these are in addition to the one(s) that were submitted with your UF College of Veterinary Medicine application (i.e. You have to submit these again, even if the College of Veterinary Medicine already has them).
• Official TOEFL scores (if applicable) – also in addition to those submitted with your UF College of Veterinary Medicine application (i.e. You have to submit these again, even if the College of Veterinary Medicine already has them).

B. Submit the following to the CPHHP Public Health Programs Office by March 1, 2015:

• Copies of letters of recommendation submitted with your UF College of Veterinary Medicine application.
• These can be sent from the CVM Office for Students and Instruction. There is no need to request new letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be received on or before March 1, 2015 at the following address:

  University of Florida
  Master of Public Health Program
  P.O. Box 100182
  Gainesville, FL 32610-0182
  Email: chrisser@phhp.ufl.edu
  Phone: 352-273-6443
  Fax: 352-273-6199

3. Notify the CPHHP Public Health Programs Office and the CVM Office for Students and Instruction that your MPH application materials have been submitted (to the UF Graduate School Office of Admissions) by March 1, 2015

   Please e-mail Mrs. Telisha Martin (martints@phhp.ufl.edu) MPH Associate Director and Ms. Christy Ewing (chrisser@phhp.ufl.edu) Academic Coordinator, in the Public Health Programs Office, to let them know when and how your UF Graduate School application was submitted. Please copy Ms. Lynnette Chaparro (chaparrol@ufl.edu), Admissions Officer in the Office for Students and Instruction, on this email so that your letters of recommendation can be sent from the CVM to the CPHHP.

4. Apply for financial aid for Summer 2015 by March 1, 2015 – if you do not wish to receive financial aid, you may skip this step

   To apply for summer financial aid you must complete the 2014-2015 application at the same time you apply to the MPH program. (Please Note: The 2015-2016 application refers to the fall semester, so please do not use this application when applying for the summer semester aid. You will be asked at a later date to complete the 2015-2016 form for veterinary school).

   Any delay in filing the 2014-2015 application may impede assignment of funds for the summer term. If you are unsure if you will need financial aid, please apply anyway as you can always decline later (if you do not apply prior to the March 1, 2015 deadline and later decide you do need financial aid, it may be too late to receive aid for the summer). Financial aid application information and forms may be found at: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/applying/how-to-apply/

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If you have questions regarding financial aid please contact the Tom Kolb, Coordinator for Student Financial Affairs at 352-273-5999 or email at tomkolb@ufl.edu.

5. **Admission notification and acceptance**
   Successful admission to the UF Joint DVM/MPH Program requires that the following three steps be met by the stated deadlines:

   **A.** Applicants will be notified whether or not they have been accepted to the UF College of Veterinary Medicine (the DVM program) by early March 2015.
   - Accepted applicants must return their written acceptance of the DVM program invitation letter (to the CVM) by April 15, 2015.

   **B.** Applicants will be notified whether or not they have been accepted to the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions (the MPH program) in mid to late March 2015.
   - Accepted applicants must return their written acceptance of the MPH program invitation letter (to the Public Health Programs Office) by April 15, 2015.

   **C.** The signed Joint DVM/MPH Degree Program Authorization Form (which will be included with your MPH letter of invitation) must also be returned to the Public Health Programs Office by April 15, 2015.
   - This form is necessary to confirm your joint degree status with the Graduate School and to assure that you can begin the Joint DVM/MPH Program coursework in the summer semester of 2015. A copy of this form will be provided by the Public Health Programs Office to the CVM, therefore you do NOT need to send this form to both colleges.

6. **Classes**
   Online classes begin May 11, 2015. On campus classes begin on or after June 30, 2015. An example of courses to be taken during the summer semester include:
   - HSA 6114 U.S. Public Health Systems – 3 credits, online, starts May 11, 2015
   - PHC 6313 Environmental Health Concepts in Public Health – 3 credits, online, starts after May 11, 2015 (exact date to be announced)
   - Seminars in Contemporary Public Health Issues – on campus, summer B, begins on or after June 30, 2015

7. **Program contacts and additional information**
   If you have questions regarding the MPH program application, please contact Mrs. Telisha Martin, MPH Associate Director, Public Health Programs Office, College of Public Health and Health Professions, at (352) 273-6444 or martints@phhp.ufl.edu.

   If you have questions regarding the overall Joint DVM/MPH Program application process, please contact Ms. Lynnette Chaparro, Admissions Officer, Office for Students
and Instruction, College of Veterinary Medicine, at (352) 294-4244 or chaparrol@ufl.edu.

If you have questions regarding the Joint DVM/MPH Program (i.e. curriculum, etc), please contact Dr. Traci Krueger, DVM/MPH Program Adviser, College of Public Health and Health Professions, at (352)280-0121 or kruegert@ufl.edu.

For additional information about the UF Joint DVM/MPH Program, please see the website at http://mph.ufl.edu/programs/oncampusprograms/collaborative-degree-programs/dvm_mph/