

## New Interdisciplinary Degree Program: DMD/MPH

*A joint initiative between the UF colleges of  
Dentistry and Public Health and Health Professions*



Scott Tomar

To: UF College of Dentistry,

I am very pleased to share the news that UF College of Dentistry and UF College of Public Health and Health Professions have established a Doctor of Dental Medicine / Master of Public Health (DMD/MPH) Dual Degree Program.

This joint program has been a goal for the two colleges for more than 10 years. As such, there are a group of people who are responsible for making this happen including Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps, Dr.PH., Sarah McKune, M.P.H., Ph.D., both from PPHP, and our own Scott Tomar, D.M.D., M.P.H., Dr. PH.

Mary Peoples-Sheps, who says that when she joined UF in 2004 talks about this program had already begun, will be retiring soon. She us very pleased that the program is going to move forward under the leadership of Sarah McKune and Scott Tomar. They will be working together, and with others in both colleges, to implement the program.

This DMD/MPH Dual Degree Program is open to current DMD students who are interested in receiving graduate training in the science, principles, and practice of public health. By allowing some courses to be counted toward both degrees, the dual degree program reduces the number of credit hours that typically would be required to obtain the MPH degree. This program is especially suited for academically strong candidates who envision a career in dental public health within academia, government, community health centers, military, or group practice. Tuition for the MPH courses is covered by a federal grant to the College of Dentistry.

If you're interested in learning more about the program, current dental students should contact the Dr. Sposetti in the Office of Education.

And congratulations to everyone involved from our college and from PPHP who worked to make this program a reality.

Sincerely,

*Boyd Robinson, D.D.S., M.Ed.*

*Interim Dean*

*UF College of Dentistry*



Sarah McKune