**MDCM-PhD**

**For the PhD handbook and EBOH (admissions) website:**

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences offers a combined clinical and doctoral program designed to prepare graduates for a career as a physician-scientist. Upon successful completion of this program, graduates are awarded a MDCM (Medicinae Doctorem et Chirurgiae Magistrum*/*Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery) degree and a PhD degree in Epidemiology. Students in the MDCM-PhD program can complete their PhD studies in Epidemiology in the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health.

The structure of this eight-year program is shown in the Figure below. From September of Year 1 to December of Year 2, students complete the basic and clinical sciences portions of the medical curriculum. During the Summer of Year 1, students will have 2 months to prepare for their training in epidemiology and conduct initial thesis research; this includes working with their supervisor(s) to develop preliminary thesis objectives, conduct initial thesis research (e.g., literature review), develop their data analytic skills, and start the progress of acquiring data, if applicable. All course requirements and milestones for the PhD in Epidemiology, shown in the Figure, must be completed within the four years between the Winter of Year 2 and Fall of Year 6, including thesis submission. Students then complete the requirements of the MDCM degree between the Winter semester of Year 6 and the end of Year 8.



**For the EBOH (admissions) website only:**

Admission to the MDCM-PhD program is conditional on admission into the four-year MDCM medical program. Given the compressed timeline for completing both degrees, applicants to the MD-PhD program must have a potential PhD supervisor identified when applying to the PhD program.

Applications to the Epidemiology PhD program are due on January 15th in Year 1 of program, since the department and supervisor for the PhD component of the combined program must be identified by September of Year 2.

Interested applicants should consult the Undergraduate Medical Admissions website for further details on admissions to the program and the program’s structure: <https://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/programs/mdcm-phd>