

Keck Graduate Institute’s Master of Science in Community Medicine (MSCM) is a focused, skills, and knowledge-based graduate degree that prepares students to become qualified leaders in underserved and underrepresented communities. MSCM graduates will help decrease demand for medical care services by improving health and preventing disease and illness, while maintaining respect for the community members’ cultural norms and health priorities.

All courses are taught online, asynchronously, with real-world, community-based experiences occurring in the student’s community. Students complete two core courses in their first year, alongside a capstone learning experience course. Relevant electives will be offered based on whether the student wants to pursue employment following graduation or continue onto medical school/health provider programs. Students complete two core courses in the second year and apply their knowledge to real-life experiences with a capstone project.

The Program Coordinator of the MSCM program designed the “Post-Graduation Plans” survey to gather data representing the MSCM Class of 2023 student outcomes. The survey reflected employment status, acceptance to health provider programs, plans to seek out employers or health provider programs, and career goals. The following report reflects the MSCM Class of 2023 student outcomes.

Graduation Statistics

The MSCM Class of 2023 inaugural cohort consisted of twenty students at the start of the academic school year in Fall 2021. Eighteen out of twenty-two MSCM students have successfully completed the MSCM program by Spring 2023, resulting in an 82% graduation rate (Table 1). Table 2 shows the GPA information of the graduating MSCM class.

Table 1. The graduation statistics for the MSCM Class of 2023 cohort.

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Starting Year	Initial Enrollment	On Time Graduation Rate (Male)	On Time Graduation Rate (Female)	Total On Time Graduation Rate
2021-23	22	3/4	15/18	82%

Table 2. The Cumulative (Cum) GPA information of the MSCM students.

Cum GPA	# MSCM Students	% MSCM Students
4.0	11	61.11%
>3.8	18	100%

Health Provider Program and Workforce Outcomes

Figure 1 shows the number of MSCM students that plan to stay with their current employer (22.22%), are seeking employment (27.78%), have been accepted to a health provider program (11.11%), are applying and waiting to hear back from health provider program (5.56%), and plan to apply to health provider programs in the near future (33.33%).

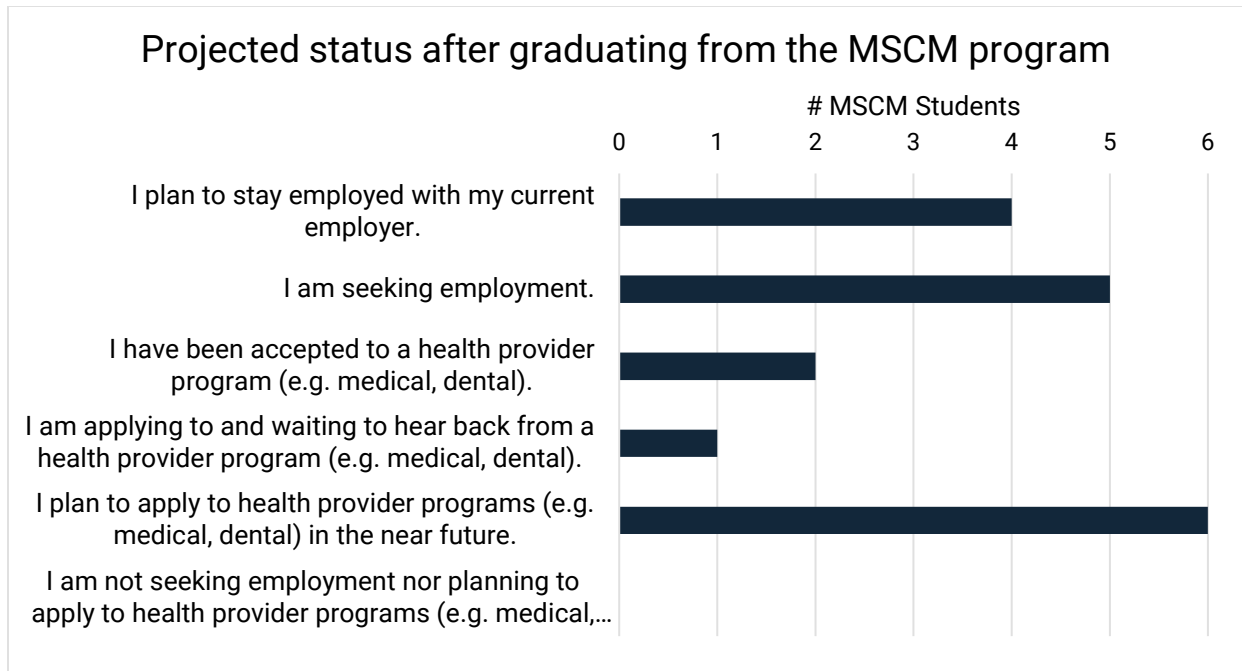


Figure 1. The MSCM students’ projected status after graduating from the MSCM program.

Nine out of eighteen MSCM students demonstrate plans to directly enter the workforce after graduation. Table 3 shows the employment details of MSCM students that plan to stay with their current employer. Table 4 shows the types of jobs MSCM students are seeking employment from.

Table 3. Employment details of MSCM students.

Employer	Job Title
Alameda Health Consortium	Administrative Assistant
Edwards Lifesciences	CRDP Associate 1
AltaMed	Clinical Quality Analyst
Washington State Department of Health	Health Educator

Table 4. Types of jobs MSCM students are seeking employment from.

Types of jobs they are seeking employment from	
Program Coordinator	Public Health Advisor
Research Coordinator	Health Educator
Community Health Educator	HIV specialist
Health Care Administrator	Community Health Worker
Case Manager	Social Worker

Nine out of eighteen MSCM students demonstrate plans to pursue health provider programs, leading to a career as a healthcare provider. Of the nine MSCM students, six plan to pursue a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree (60%), two plan to pursue a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree (20%), and two plan to pursue a Physician Assistant degree (20%). Figure 2 shows the projected status of entering a health provider program after graduating from the MSCM program. One student was admitted to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine-

Middletown, and another student was admitted to the Doctor of Dental Surgery program at Loma Linda University.

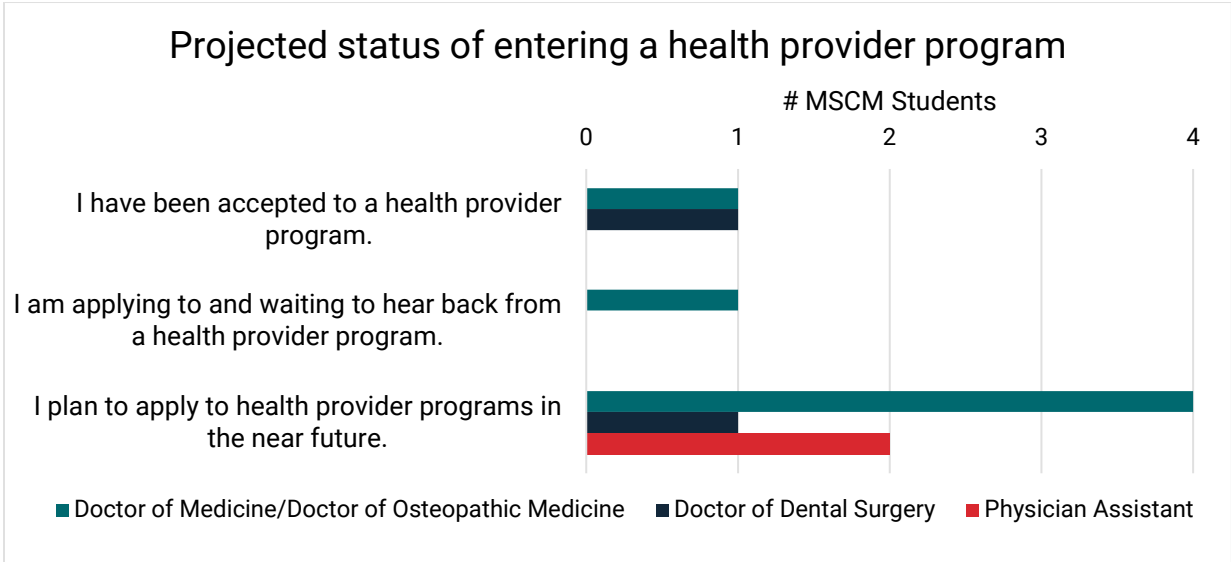


Figure 2. The MSCM students’ projected status of entering a health provider program after graduating from the MSCM program.