

PhD in Community Health and Health Policy



The PhD in Community Health and Health Policy (CHHP) prepares researchers and other public health professionals to advance scientific understanding of the social determinants of health, health behaviors, the delivery of health services and the development of sound health policies. CHHP graduates will be able to conduct research that informs public health program and policy development and evaluate community health interventions within a social justice framework. Coursework prepares students for careers in research, teaching, and policy analysis

and graduates develop a nuanced understanding of how a range of mechanisms—systematically associated with policy—influence population health. The track draws on the methods and theories from multiple disciplines to prepare students to design and implement public health research studies. Graduates will apply theories and methods of multiple disciplines to conduct research that can inform the planning, management, design and evaluation of community health interventions, as well as improve health services and health policies.

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed SOPHAS application
- GRE scores within the past five years
- Combined undergraduate and graduate minimum of cumulative 3.0 GPA based on a four-point scale.
- Completion of a master's degree in public health. Applicants with a master's or higher level degree in another discipline will need to take five core master's level public health courses. If accepted to the PhD program, three courses must be completed prior to enrollment and the remaining two within the first year of matriculation
- Three letters of recommendation (at least one should be an academic reference)
- A resume/CV indicating at least three years of prior teaching, research, or programmatic work experience
- A personal statement (up to 1500 words)
- TOEFL scores, if language of instruction for prior degrees was not English
- Transcript evaluation for all applicants with international transcripts; World Education Services strongly preferred

CURRICULUM

Foundational Knowledge (0 CREDITS)

PUBH 601 Foundations of Public Health Knowledge

Core Coursework (12 CREDITS)

PUBH 801 Epidemiological Methods I

PUBH 802 Applied Biostatistics I

PUBH 803 Public Health Perspectives on Science

PUBH 804 Qualitative Research Methods with Applications to Urban Health

Concentration Courses (30 CREDITS)

CHSS 820 Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Health Theory and methods

CHSS 821 Advanced Community Health Interventions

CHSS 810 Cities and Health

HPAM 820 Seminar in Health Policy

HPAM 822 Public Health Economics

- Five courses, one of which must emphasize research methods, chosen in consultation with advisor

Teaching Experience (0 CREDITS)

Teaching experience to be determined in consultation with advisor

Examinations (0 CREDITS)

Qualifying exam and comprehensive exam

Culminating Seminar and Experience (0 CREDITS)

PUBH 900 Dissertation Supervision

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED 42