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

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