



Curriculum Guide for PhD degree program with a specialization in HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT & POLICY

Students admitted to the PhD degree program are assigned faculty advisors who will provide guidance throughout the program. This document serves as a resource to be used by the student and the advisor in planning the program of study with a specialization in Health Services Management & Policy (HSMP).

For detailed additional information about specific requirements, students are directed to the College of Public Health (CPH) *Graduate Student Handbook* (available online at <http://cph.osu.edu/academics/handbooks.cfm>) and to the *Graduate School Handbook* (available online at <http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/>).

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The PhD in HSMP requires a minimum of 50 semester credits beyond a master's degree for a total of 80 credits. Of the 80 credits, a maximum of 30 credits may be applied to the degree, with a maximum of 20 credits applied for dissertation research.

Following are the courses required for the PhD curriculum in HSMP.

MAJOR FIELD (25 credits)

Required Courses:

PUBHHMPI 6611	Health Care Organization	3 cr
PUBHHMPI 7602	Economic Analysis of Health Services	3 cr
PUBHHMPI 7605	Introduction to Health Policy	3 cr
PUBHHMPI 7615	Health Services Organization Management	3 cr
PUBHHMPI 8899	Doctoral Seminar (2 semesters x 1.5 cr)	3 cr

Additional Major Courses:

Choose 9 semester credits (approximately three courses) to reach the 25 credits for the major field

Additional courses, within the division or elsewhere in the university, representing approaches to health services research or areas of inquiry (e.g., quality and outcomes measurement, economic evaluation, policy analysis, health informatics, health disparities) may be counted toward the 25 semester credit major requirement with advisor approval and concurrence of the PhD program director.

Research Methods (24 credits)

Research methods courses must be selected with the approval of the advisor and concurrence of the PhD program director and should include the following:

- Course in epidemiology (e.g., PUBHEPI 6410: Principles of Epidemiology, or equivalent)
- Course in research design (e.g., PUBHHMP 8671: Health Care Outcomes Measurement, or equivalent)
- Appropriate sequence of statistics courses (e.g., PUBHBIO 6210: Design and Analysis of Studies in the Health Sciences I and PUBHBIO 6211: Design and Analysis of Studies in the Health Sciences II, or equivalent and at least 1 additional advanced statistics course)
- 9 semester credits of research courses to complement student's major, minor and research interests (e.g., PUBHEPI 6421: Design & Implementation of Health Surveys, PUBHEPI 6401: Health Data Sources and Uses)

Minor Field (15 credits)

The minor is a cognate field with sufficient methodological depth to serve as a useful complement and foundation for doctoral level study and research. Typical fields include economics, political science, epidemiology, health behavior and health promotion, public policy and management, etc.

Electives (7 credits)

Select electives from courses within the division or elsewhere in the university with advisor approval and concurrence of the PhD program director.

Dissertation (9-20 credits)

PUBHLTH 8998/8999 Pre and Post-Candidacy Dissertation Credits

9-20 cr

Office of Academic Programs and Student Service (OAPSS)

Staff are available in to provide assistance with College and University policies and procedures. In addition, staff are able to answer questions regarding the following:

CPH Academic Standards
Time to Degree (time limits)
Graduate Non-Degree Credit
Practicum
Career Planning

Transfer Credit
Combined Degrees and Dual Degrees
Graduation
Culminating Project
Admissions

Students can make an appointment with a staff member in OAPSS by calling (614)292-8350.

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