



2015-2016 Curriculum Guide for PhD degree program with a specialization in HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT & POLICY

The PhD degree requires a significant program of study and research that qualifies the recipient to conduct independent high quality research and communicate complex information in public health. In addition, the PhD graduate will contribute to the advancement of the field of knowledge. The emphasis is on mastery of the field and particularly on the acquisition of research skills as a basis for original work.

Students admitted to the PhD degree program are assigned faculty advisors who will provide guidance throughout the program. Students are encouraged to get to know their advisor and meet with him/her at least once each semester. 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). All students are expected to be familiar with the College of Public Health (CPH) *Graduate Student Handbook* (available at <http://cph.osu.edu/students/graduate/handbooks>) that includes information about PhD requirements, and with the *Graduate School Handbook* (available at <http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/>).

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The PhD in HSMP requires a minimum of 50 credits beyond a master's degree for a total of 80 credits. With approval of the student's advisor and Advisory Committee, up to 30 credits of appropriate master's level course work can be counted toward the PhD. Additional requirements for courses and distribution of credits are provided below. Students should work closely with their advisor to develop a tentative curriculum plan during the first term of their enrollment. In collaboration with their advisor, students are encouraged to form their Advisory Committee during their first year in the PhD program. a maximum of 20 credits applied for dissertation research.

MAJOR FIELD (25 credits)

Required Courses:

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

Additional Major Courses:

Choose 9 credits (approximately 3 courses) to reach the 25 credits required 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 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:

- A course in epidemiology (e.g., PUBHEPI 6410: Principles of Epidemiology, or equivalent) 3 credits
- A course in research design (e.g., PUBHHMP 8671: Health Care Outcomes Measurement, or equivalent) 2-3 credits
- 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 credits
- 9 credits of research courses to complement student's major, minor cognate and research interests (e.g., PUBHEPI 6431: Design & Implementation of Health Surveys, PUBHEPI 6401: Health Data Sources and Uses) 9-10 credits

MINOR COGNATE (15 credits)

The minor cognate is a 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 credits

Grade Policy:

In addition to the general Graduate School requirements of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, students must meet specific college grade policies. Students should familiarize themselves with Section 11 of the College of Public Health Graduate Student Handbook.

Office of Academic Programs and Student Services (OAPSS)

OAPSS staff are available to provide assistance with College, Graduate School and University policies and procedures. Students can make an appointment with a staff member in OAPSS by calling (614) 292-8350.

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