



## 2023-2024 Curriculum Guide for PhD degree program with a specialization in HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT & POLICY

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree requires a significant program of study and research that qualifies the recipient to work independently and 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 pursuing the PhD degree complete didactic and research courses. In addition, PhD students must successfully complete and pass a PhD Qualifying Exam, a PhD Candidacy Exam, Dissertation and Final Examination. Due to the expanded depth and scope of content and research, it typically takes a minimum of four years to complete the program requirements to earn the PhD degree. Graduates are prepared for teaching/research faculty positions in higher education and other positions in various public and private sectors.

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 them 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*: <http://cph.osu.edu/students/graduate/handbooks>, the *Graduate School Handbook*: <https://gradsch.osu.edu/handbook> and CPH competencies: <http://go.osu.edu/cphcompetencies>.

### 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 semester 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 may be applied from dissertation research.

#### Major Field

##### Required Foundation Courses:

PUBHTLH 6010+ Essentials of Public Health	3 credits
PUBHBIO 6211 Applied Biostatistics II or equivalent	<i>credits count in Research Methods</i>
PUBHEPI 6410 Principles of Epidemiology	<i>credits count in Research Methods</i>
+ Not required for students with a CEPH accredited MPH	

##### Required Specialization Courses: \*\*

PUBHHMP 6611	Health and Health Care Services in the U.S.	3+1* credits
PUBHHMP 7602	Health Insurance and Payment Policy	3+1* credits
PUBHHMP 7605	Introduction to Health Policy	3+1* credits
PUBHHMP 7615	Health Services Organization Management	3+1* credits
PUBHHMP 7678	Approaches to Health Services Research	3 credits
PUBHHMP 8899	Doctoral Seminar (4 semesters x 1 credit)	4 credits
PUBHHMP 8672	Advanced Topics in Health Policy	4 credits

\*For the four required PUBHHMP 6000 and 7000 level courses, doctoral students will complete an additional,

PhD level one credit directed study (+1 credit above) under the supervision of the course instructor. These one-credit courses will be registered as PUBHHMP 7699, Seminar in HSMP.

\* If any of these required specialization courses are not offered during the first two years of the student's PhD program enrollment, a substitute may be approved by the student's advisor and 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 6211: Applied Biostatistics II, or equivalent and at least 2 additional advanced statistics course) 9 credits
- 9 credits of research courses to complement student's major, minor and research interests (e.g., PUBHHMP 7686: Qualitative Methods for Health Research, PUBHEPI 6431: Design & Implementation of Health Surveys) 9-10 credits

### **Minor Cognate Field (15 credits)**

The minor cognate field provides 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 (5 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. OAPSS address: 100 Cunz Hall/1841 Neil Ave/Columbus, Ohio/ 43210/[cph.osu.edu](http://cph.osu.edu)