



Department of Health Management & Policy

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DrPH in Health Management & Policy Academic Year 2008-2009

This concentration is designed for health professionals who want to become leaders in health management and policy in the public and private, for-profit and not-for-profit, health sectors. The Department of Health Management and Policy coordinates this concentration. The graduate of this program will understand and apply skills relevant to health policy development and analysis, management practices, and health services research. Two research papers and a dissertation will provide the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills gained during coursework and a residency practice. The dissertation is expected to analyze and propose solutions to health management or policy problems by applying new theoretical or analytic advances to current problems in health care. Graduates will be able to start or develop their careers in state or federal government health programs, academia, or health care provider organizations. By the conclusion of the Dr.P.H. program, a student in the health management and policy concentration will be able to:

1. Conduct management and policy analysis of health issues using advanced quantitative and qualitative techniques.
2. Synthesize knowledge of the political and legal system and affect changes to health policies and programs within various systems.
3. Plan and evaluate health programs in the public and private sectors.
4. Apply ethical frameworks to the conduct of health care research, practice, policy-making and management.
5. Conduct research focusing on the analysis and solution of management and policy issues in public health practice.

DrPH Prerequisites (18 Semester Credit Hours)

BIOS 5210	Biostatistics for Public Health I	3 SCH
BIOS 5215	Biostatistics for Public Health II	3 SCH
ENVR 5300	Environmental Health	3 SCH
EPID 5100	Principles of Epidemiology	3 SCH
HMAP 5210	Introduction to Health Management and Policy	3 SCH
SCBS 5115	Behavioral Foundations of Public Health	3 SCH

DrPH Prerequisites (18 Semester Credit Hours)

Prerequisite coursework does not contribute to the required total number of semester credit hours needed to graduate.

Health Management & Policy Curriculum (65 Semester Credit Hours)

CORE COURSES: 22 SCH

BIOS	6100	Applied Statistical Methods for Data Analysis	3 SCH
ENVR	6100	Environmental Health Determinants	3 SCH
EPID	6110	Intermediate Epidemiology for Non-Majors	3 SCH
HMAP	6100	Health Care Systems	3 SCH
SCBS	6100	Social & Behavioral Theories and Health Applications	3 SCH
HMAP	6140	Ethical Issues in Public Health	2 SCH
HMAP	6145	Leadership for Public Health	2 SCH
SPH	6900	Doctoral Capstone	3 SCH

Students should enroll in the Doctoral Capstone (SPH 6900) at the conclusion of all coursework. Students must obtain a permission number from their major professor to register for SPH 6900.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE: 4 SCH

SPH	6860	Public Health Practice Residency	4 SCH
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The Public Health Practice Residency will be managed by the Department of Health Management and Policy. Dr.P.H. students should refer to the Public Health Practice Residency Manual on the School of Public Health website for general guidance and policy. However, there may be additional departmental requirements related to the above policy, and students are advised to check with their advisors about them.

REQUIRED COURSES: 12 SCH (choose four of the following courses)

HMAP	6210	Health Services Research I	3 SCH
HMAP	6211	Health Services Research II	3 SCH
HMAP	6350	Advanced Health Policy	3 SCH
HMAP	6430	Health Care Law	3 SCH
HMAP	6220	Advanced Health Economics	3 SCH

ELECTIVE COURSES: 18 SCH (choose six of the following electives)

BIOS	6750	Applied Categorical Data Analysis	3 SCH
BIOS	6760	Multivariate Analysis (prerequisites: BIOS 5730, BIOS 5735, and BIOS 6100 strongly recommended)	3 SCH
EPID	6635	Social Epidemiology	3 SCH
HMAP	6200	Organizational Management	3 SCH
HMAP	6215	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3 SCH
HMAP	6250	Performance Management in Public Health	3 SCH
SCBS	6220	Advanced Topics in Culture, Race, Ethnicity and Health	3 SCH
SCBS	6360	Public Health and Aging	3 SCH
SCBS	6910	Doctoral Independent Study in Health Management & Policy	1-3 SCH

Students may substitute an elective course not on this list only with prior written approval of the advisor. Elective courses not approved as substitutes will not be applied toward the degree plan.

CULMINATING EXPERIENCE: 9 SCH

SPH	6950	Dissertation	9 SCH
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Health Management & Policy Dissertation Committee

Students should select a doctoral committee by the end of their first semester, which should be comprised of a major professor and two other members (refer to the DrPH Academic Procedures section of the catalog for details).

Health Management Qualifying Examination

1. Students must complete all coursework before taking exam.
2. The exam will be divided into two 4-hour sessions.
3. Students will take the exam on campus and will not be permitted to discuss their exam with anyone during the exam.
4. The exam will be open book. Students will not have access to the Internet.
5. The exam will cover all courses.
6. An oral exam may be required for remediation. If an oral exam is necessary, it must occur within 2 weeks of notification of exam results.
7. A student who does not pass the oral exam will be given the opportunity to repeat the course pertaining to the part of the exam not mastered. The student will take the exam again the next time it is offered.

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