DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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Mission
The mission of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) is to increase the body of knowledge that addresses the adverse health effects of environmental and occupational exposures; to disseminate knowledge through the education of students and health practitioners; and to apply that knowledge in the clinical, environmental, and workplace settings.

Goal
The goal of the EOH DrPH program is to prepare students for advanced level professional work in research, policy, and program design and administration in the field of Environmental and Occupational Health.

Admissions Requirements
The Doctor of Public Health Program is designed for mid-career professionals seeking to become public health leaders. Applicants who have completed an MPH degree from a Council of Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited program are strongly preferred for admission to the DrPH Program. Alternatively, applicants with a master's degree in another field may indicate their relevant training, research experience, or educational background comparable to the MPH. Doctoral applicants admitted without an MPH will be required to take additional course work at the graduate level that does not apply toward the minimum 48 credits required for the DrPH. Qualified applicants with degrees from institutions in foreign countries are also eligible for admission. All applicants must submit scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within five years of the date of application. Because admission to this program is highly selective, successful applicants have competitive academic credentials and substantial prior public health professional work experience related to the specialty field to which they are applying.

Program Policies and Procedures
For program policies and procedures, please refer to the Doctor of Public Health Handbook and other resources on the DrPh in the field of Environmental and Occupational Health website. (http://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/environmental-occupational-health-drph)

REQUIREMENTS

Program requirements

20 credits of required foundational and research methods courses

PUBH 8401  Found PH Leadership & Practice (Doctoral Seminar)

PUBH 8402  Ldrshp/PublicHlthPractc&Policy

PUBH 8416  Study Design & Evaluation Methods

PUBH 8417  Qual Research Methods & Analysis

PUBH 8418  Applied Statistical Analysis

PUBH 8419  Measmnt/PublHlth&HlthSrvcsRes

PUBH 8420  Advanced Analysis & Dissemination

6 credits of required EOH specialty field courses

PUBH 8411  AdvTpc-PrinEnvHlthRiskScience (Doctoral Seminar)

PUBH 8412  AdvTpc-Env&OccHlthRsrch&Practc

7-10 credits of elective specialty field courses (sample list)

PUBH 6121  Envrmntl&OccptnalEpidemiology

PUBH 6122  Envir Policy, Politics, Progs

PUBH 6123  Toxicology: Applic for PH Pol

PUBH 6124  Problem Solving in EOH

PUBH 6125  Intro-Children’s Health & Env

PUBH 6126  Assessment&Control/Env Hazards

PUBH 6127  Germs: An Introduction to Environmental Health Microbiology

PUBH 6128  Global Envrnmtl & Occptnl Hlth

PUBH 6130  Sustainable Energy & Environmt

PUBH 6199  Topics in EOH (Microbial Risk Assessment)

PUBH 6199  Topics in EOH (Pesticide Exposures and Cancer)

PUBH 6199  Topics in EOH (Food and the Global Environment)

4 credits of professional leadership courses

PUBH 8415  Instructional Leadership

PUBH 8413  Research Leadership

Comprehensive examination

8-11 credits of dissertation preparation and dissertation

Doctor of Public Health in the Field of Environmental and Occupational Health
PUBH 8422  AdvHlthCare&PublcHlthRsrchDes

Advanced Health Care and Public Health Research Design
Prerequisites: Pass Comprehensive Exam, Approval of
Program Director, & one page abstract

PUBH 8423  Dissertation Research

Dissertation Research - DrPH Degree Dissertation Research

Graduation Requirements*
1. Graduate credit requirement: 60 graduate credits are
required.
2. Course requirements: successful completion of the
foundational and research methods courses. The program-
specific specialty field courses and the professional
leadership credits are required.
3. Comprehensive exam: Once the course of study
is completed, students are required to pass the
comprehensive exam to be officially admitted to the
candidacy phase.
4. Dissertation: PUBH 8422 AdvHlthCare&PublcHlthRsrchDes
6-12 dissertation research credits are required. Once the
proposal has been successfully defended and dissertation
research credits have been met, the oral defense may be
scheduled.
5. Grade point requirement: A 3.0 (B average) overall grade-
point average is required.
6. Time limit requirement: The degree must be completed
within eight (8) years.
7. Transfer credit policy: up to 12 graduate credits may be
transferred to the DrPH degree, with program director
approval. Credits must have been earned from an
accredited institution in the last 3 years, with a grade point
of 3.0 or better.