DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN
THE FIELD OF HEALTH POLICY

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Mission
The doctor of public health (DrPH) health policy specialty field degree program focuses on understanding and learning to apply to complex and real world problems the policy framework of public health and health care. Particular emphasis is placed on areas affecting medically underserved and vulnerable populations. The specialty field allows candidates to work at the nexus of health policy, public health practice, and health services research.

Goals
The goal of the health policy specialty field is to create doctoral-level public health professionals who are uniquely equipped to provide real-world leadership at the national and state levels in all phases of public health, health care, and health policy development and implementation. The objectives of this specialty field are to:

• Provide advanced training on cutting edge issues in health policy; and
• Equip candidates with the research and analytic methods to conduct the types of advanced analyses that can make a real difference in health care and public health.

Program Policies and Procedures
For program policies and procedures, please refer to the Doctor of Public Health Handbook and other resources located on the program website (http://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/health-policy-drph).

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

Visit the program website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/health-policy-drph) for additional program information.

REQUIREMENTS

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<td>22 credits of required foundational and research methods courses</td>
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<td>PUBH 8401</td>
<td>Foundations in Public Health Leadership and Practice</td>
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4. Dissertation: PUBH 8422 Advanced Health Care and Public Health Research Design plus 6 to 9 credits in dissertation research credits are required. Once the proposal has been successfully defended and the dissertation research credit requirements have been met, the oral defense may be scheduled.

5. Grade point average: A minimum overall grade-point average of B (3.0).

6. Time limit: The degree must be completed within seven years.

Note: no transfer credits are accepted.