DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR

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Mission
The mission of the Department of Prevention and Community Health is to train professionals to provide leadership in the field of health behavior. The doctor of public health in the field of health behavior degree program is based on the ecological model of health and well-being and is aimed at understanding and having an impact on the health of populations and cultures, with special emphasis on underserved populations. Graduates are prepared to apply their research and analytic skills to a range of implementation, evaluation, and advocacy needs of various cultural and socioeconomic groups and communities.

For program policies and procedures, please refer to the Doctor of Public Health Handbook and other resources located on the DrPH in the field of Health Behavior website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/health-behavior-drph).

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

REQUIREMENTS
The following requirements must be fulfilled: 48 credits, including 22 credits in required foundational courses, 6 credits in program-specific courses, 7 to 10 credits in elective courses, and 8 to 11 credits in dissertation.

Program requirements

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<td><strong>Required</strong></td>
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<td>22 credits in foundational and research methods courses</td>
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<tr>
<td>PUBH 8401</td>
<td>Foundations in Public Health Leadership and Practice</td>
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<td>PUBH 8402</td>
<td>Leadership and Decision Making: Skills Based Approach</td>
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<td>Leadership in Public Health Policy and Practice</td>
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<td>PUBH 8416</td>
<td>Study Design &amp; Evaluation Methods</td>
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<td>PUBH 8417</td>
<td>Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis</td>
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<td>Applied Statistical Analysis</td>
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<td>Measurement in Public Health and Health Services</td>
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<td>PUBH 8420</td>
<td>Advanced Analysis and Dissemination</td>
<td>6 credits in health behavior specialty field courses</td>
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<td>PUBH 8408</td>
<td>Advanced Topics: Health Behavior Research &amp; Practice Applications</td>
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<td>PUBH 8409</td>
<td>Advanced Topics: Health Communication Research</td>
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<td>One 2-credit professional leadership course</td>
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<td>PUBH 8413</td>
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<td><strong>Electives</strong></td>
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<td>7 to 10 credits in specialty field elective courses. Sample courses include:</td>
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<td>Planning and Implementing Health Promotion Programs</td>
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<td>Health Promotion in Health Care Settings</td>
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<td>PUBH 6532</td>
<td>Community Organization, Development, and Advocacy</td>
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<td>Design and Conduct of Community Health Surveys</td>
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<td>PUBH 6534</td>
<td>Community-Based Participatory Research</td>
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<td>PUBH 6570</td>
<td>Advanced Public Health Communication: Theory and Practice</td>
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<td>PUBH 6571</td>
<td>Social Marketing: Theory and Practice</td>
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<td>EDUC 8131</td>
<td>Case Study Research Methods</td>
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<td>EDUC 8140</td>
<td>Ethnographic Research Methods</td>
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<td>EDUC 8172</td>
<td>Multivariate Analysis</td>
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<td>PSYC 8204</td>
<td>Experimental Foundations of Psychology: Biological Basis of Behavior</td>
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<td>PUBH 8422</td>
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Successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

Graduation Requirements

1. Credits: Successful completion of 48 credits.
2. Curriculum: Successful completion of the foundational, research methods, program-specific specialty field, and professional leadership courses.
3. Comprehensive examination: 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 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 has 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.