



# PhD in Social & Behavioral Sciences

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The PhD in Social and Behavioral Sciences program applies an interdisciplinary approach to reconcile the health effects of psychological, behavioral, social and cultural factors on health. Graduates will apply novel approaches and scientific methods to address these complex and interdependent relationships, through a framework of ethical and cultural stewardship.

## IS THIS DEGREE FOR YOU?

- The program is ideal for graduate students seeking advanced training in theories and methodologies to examine how psychological, social, and cultural factors influence health and health behaviors
- Those preparing for careers in academia, research and policy development

## ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Students can enhance their skills through graduate certificates in one of the following areas, or create their own plan in consultation with an academic advisor:

- Health Analytics
- Population Health Informatics
- Health Systems Leadership
- Population Health

## WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES

Graduates of the PhD in Social and Behavioral Sciences program pursue careers in academia, research, clinical settings and consulting.

DOCTOR OF  
**PHILOSOPHY**

**SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL  
SCIENCES**

**54 CREDIT HOURS**

## TO APPLY:

- Completed SOPHAS application
- Master's degree with minimum GPA of 3.0
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume
- Statement of Purpose (750-1000 words)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Credentials evaluation for foreign transcripts
- Language proficiency test if language of instruction was not English



## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Students will develop expertise in understanding health behaviors, social determinants of health, and intervention strategies and conduct interdisciplinary research and design interventions that promote healthy behaviors and address complex health challenges.

## CONNECT WITH OUR TEAM

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## CURRICULUM

### SBS CORE COURSES - 12 CREDIT HOURS

PUBH 8130 | Social Determinants of Health

PUBH 8132 | Health Program Evaluation

PUBH 8340 | Behavioral Intervention Development

PUBH 8161 | Health Behavioral Theories

### DOCTORAL SEMINAR CORE - 3 CREDIT HOURS

PUBH 8901 | Doctoral Professional Development Seminar

### RESEARCH METHODS CORE - 12 CREDIT HOURS

#### Quantitative Methods Courses

Three of the following

PUBH 8141 | Epidemiologic Survey Methods

PUBH 8172 | Epidemiology in Public Health II

PUBH 8174 | Epidemiology in Public Health III

PUBH 8450 | Randomized Clinical Trials

#### Quantitative Methods Course

PUBH 8347 | Qualitative Methods in Health Research

### BIostatISTICS CORE COURSES - 6 CREDIT HOURS

PUBH 8152 | Biostatistical Methods II

and one of the following:

PUBH 8104 | Large Data Sets in Public Health Research

PUBH 8310 | Mixed Model Regression Analysis

PUBH 8311 | Applied Categorical Data Analysis

### ELECTIVE COURSES - 12 CREDIT HOURS

In consultation with faculty and/or academic advisors

### DISSERTATION - 9 CREDIT HOURS

PUBH 9000 | Dissertation

### COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

PhD candidates are required to pass a comprehensive exam covering SBS Core courses, PUBH 8901 and PUBH 8347.



How to Apply