

DRPH IN COMMUNITY HEALTH PRACTICE

The DrPH in Community Health Practice is a minimum of 54 semester credit hours and offers interdisciplinary training for students who wish to practice at an advanced level in public health. Students are trained to engage in community-driven, grassroots and inter-sectoral applied research with a focus on addressing social inequity and systems-level change through the adoption of a transdisciplinary framework.

Special Entrance Requirements

Applicants to the DrPH program should have a prior MPH degree or its equivalent. Preferred applicants are those with public health work experience and those who have completed coursework in quantitative methods or who can provide evidence of quantitative abilities. All DrPH students are expected to have completed PH 1700L Intermediate Biostatistics or its equivalent. In exceptional cases, applicants without the required academic background in public health may be accepted on the condition of additional coursework in public health. For more information, see the Admissions (<https://catalog.uth.edu/public-health/admissions/>) section.

Course of Study

The following courses are required for a DrPH in Community Health Practice:

Code	Title	Hours
Required for all School of Public Health Students		
PH 101	Foundations of Public Health ¹	
Leveling Courses ²		
PHM 1690L	Introduction to Biostatistics in Public Health	
PHM 1110L	Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health	
PHM 2612L	Epidemiology I	
PHM 3715L	Management & Policy Concepts in Public Health	
Before Preliminary Exam		
PHD 1120L	Program Evaluation	3
PH 2615L	Epidemiology II	3
PHD 3620L	Principles & Practice of Public Health	4
PHD 3801L	Community Grant Writing	1
PHD 3631L	Community Engagement/ Community-Based Participatory Research	3
PHD 3625L	Practice-based Methods and Design	3
PHD 3800L	Working with Diverse Communities	3
Major Courses		
PHD 3950	Applied Leadership Studies in Public Health	3
PHD 3830	Ethics and Policy	3
PHD 1118L	Qualitative Methods	3
PH 1700L	Intermediate Biostatistics	3
PHD 5500	Principles of Adult and Community Education for Public Health	2
PH 3835	Public Health Advocacy	1
Select one of the following:		3
PHD 3918L	Geographic Information Systems Science	

PHD 3926L	Health Survey Research Design	
PH 3738L	Legal Issues in Healthcare	
Minor ³		9
Applied Practice Experience		
PH 9997	Practicum	3
Integrative Learning Experience		
PHD 9999	Dissertation Research	4
Total Hours		54

¹ Online, not-for-credit course

² Academic credits from leveling courses do not count toward the total required number of credits for the degree program.

³ Students are required to select a minor outside of their department.

For sample course of study, see the DrPH in Community Health Practice degree planner (https://web.sph.uth.edu/student-forms/Academic_Requirements/Degree%20Programs%20&%20Planners/Planner.DrPH.CHP.2024-2025.docx).