

DRPH IN HEALTH PROMOTION/HEALTH EDUCATION

The DrPH in Health Promotion/Health Education is a minimum of 54 semester credit hours. It is designed to train students for leadership roles as public health professionals in governmental and non-governmental agencies, health departments, or for work in the research or academic setting, and emphasizes working alongside communities in the development, implementation and evaluation of theory-based public health interventions in public settings. An important component of this degree program is the ability to communicate findings to the public and policymakers, and students are expected to contribute to and apply scientific discoveries in public health settings through research.

Special Entrance Requirements

Applicants to the DrPH program should hold an earned master's degree or equivalent in public health with a substantial behavioral sciences component. Preferred applicants are those who have leadership experience through paid employment or volunteer work. In exceptional cases, applicants without the required academic background in public health may be accepted on the condition of additional coursework in public health. Applicants are asked to submit a writing sample that demonstrates competence in written communication for academic work. Theses, publications, or other academic work are preferred. Applicant should be the sole or first author on the submitted work. 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 Health Promotion & Health Education:

Code	Title	Hours
Required for all School of Public Health Students		
PH 101	Foundations of Public Health ¹	
Leveling and Other Required Courses ²		0
PHM 1110L	Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health	
PHM 1690L	Introduction to Biostatistics in Public Health	
PHM 2612L	Epidemiology I	
Before Preliminary Exam		
PHD 1113L	Advanced Methods for Planning and Implementing Health Promotion Programs (Intervention Mapping)	3
PHD 1120L	Program Evaluation	3
PHD 1122L	Health Promotion Theories for Individuals and Groups: Part I	3
PHD 1123L	Community Health Promotion Theory and Practice	3
PHD 1420L	Quantitative Research Design for Behavioral Sciences	3
PHD 1421L	Quantitative Analysis for Behavioral Sciences	3
PH 1433	Research Seminar in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences	1

After Preliminary Exam

PHD 1118L	Qualitative Methods	3
PHD 1121L	Advanced Quantitative Analysis for Behavioral Sciences	3
PHD 1450	Dissemination & Implementation Research and Practice	1
PHD 5500	Principles of Adult and Community Education for Public Health	2
PHD 3950	Applied Leadership Studies in Public Health	3
PHD 3801L	Community Grant Writing	1
PHD 3631L	Community Engagement/ Community-Based Participatory Research	3
PH 3835	Public Health Advocacy	1
Epidemiology Course Requirement ³		3
Minor ⁴		9
Applied Practice Experience		
PH 9997	Practicum	3
Integrative Learning Experience		
PHD 9999	Dissertation Research	3
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 All students are required to complete an Epidemiology course during their course of study. Please read carefully the following scenarios:

- If a student took PHM 2612L Epidemiology I at the UTHealth School of Public Health as a master's (MPH or MS) student, the required epidemiology course is **not** Needed, and the student may apply these credits towards electives or dissertation hours. Note that only six (6) credit hours of dissertation research can be counted toward the total required credits of the degree program.
- If a student **has** taken Epidemiology I, but it was taken at another institution, the student **must** take another epidemiology course at UTHealth School of Public Health to meet the School's epidemiology requirement. The student may elect to complete the epidemiology requirement as part of an epidemiology minor.
- If a student has **not** taken Epidemiology I at a prior institution, the student must take PHM 2612L Epidemiology I as a leveling course. The required epidemiology course requirement will then be 39 waived, and the student may apply these credits towards electives or dissertation hours. Note that only six (6) dissertation hours can be counted toward the degree planner.

⁴ Students are required to complete a minor outside of their department. A minor in Epidemiology is strongly encouraged.

For a sample course of study, see the DrPH in Health Promotion/Health Education degree planner (https://web.sph.uth.edu/student-forms/Academic_Requirements/Degree%20Programs%20&%20Planners/Planner.DrPH.HPHE.2023-2024.docx).