

PHD IN MANAGEMENT AND POLICY STUDIES: HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT/HEALTH POLICY TRACK

The PhD in Management and Policy Studies, Healthcare Management/Health Policy Track is a minimum 48 semester credit hours and emphasizes the development and evaluation of health policy, leadership development within healthcare organizations, understanding the complexities of healthcare delivery while addressing costs and quality, and develops researchers who can ask relevant questions, identify answers and drive policy and organizational change.

Special Entrance Requirements

Applicants to the PhD program must have an appropriate post-bachelor's degree in the social sciences, policy, law, management, clinical sciences or public health. Also, applicants must have an advanced knowledge of quantitative methods; preferred applicants with strong math and/or statistics backgrounds. For more information, see the Admissions (<https://catalog.uth.edu/public-health/admissions/>) section.

Course of Study

The following courses are required for PhD in Management and Policy Studies, Healthcare Management/Health Policy Track:

Code	Title	Hours
Required for all School of Public Health Students		
PH 101	Foundations of Public Health ¹	
Leveling Courses ²		
PH 1700L	Intermediate Biostatistics	
Before Preliminary Exam		
PHD 3731L	Research Design and Inquiry	3
PHD 3743L	Adv Organ and Mgmt Theory	3
PHD 3810	Health Policy in The United States	3
PH 3815	Health Policy Analysis	3
PHD 3846L	Quality Management Improvement in Healthcare Doctoral	3
PHD 3946L	Strategy, Governance and Leadership	3
Required Epidemiology Course ³		
PHM 2612L	Epidemiology I	3
Emphasis Area		
Select one of the following Emphasis Areas:		6
Healthcare Management		
Select 6 credits of the following:		
PHD 3721L	Healthcare Finance	
PH 3736L	Healthcare Payment Systems and Policy	
PH 3738L	Legal Issues in Healthcare	
PHD 3812	Comparative Health Systems	
PH 3825	Public Health Law	
PHD 3910L	Health Economics	
PHD 3922	Economic and Social Determinants of Health	
PH 3940	Health Care Outcomes and Quality Research	

Health Policy	
Select 6 credits of the following:	
PHD 3812	Comparative Health Systems
PH 3818	Texas Health Policy: Emerging Issues and New Approaches
PH 3825	Public Health Law
PHD 3830	Ethics and Policy
PH 3736L	Healthcare Payment Systems and Policy
PH 3915	Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Programs
PH 3998	Special Topics in Management, Policy and Community Health (ST: Advanced Policy Studies with Topical Content)
Minor ⁴	9
Breadth or second minor ⁴	9
Dissertation	
PHD 9999	Dissertation Research
Total Hours	48

- ¹ Online, not-for-credit course
- ² Academic credits from leveling courses do not count towards the total required credits for the degree program.
- ³ All students must complete one epidemiology course (2500-2999). If students choose to complete PHM 2612L Epidemiology I, the credit hours will not count toward the total credit hours required for this doctoral degree. The epidemiology requirement can be fulfilled if the student takes an epidemiology course through the minor and/or breadth requirements. Students are required to complete the minimum 48 credit hour requirement for their degree.
- ⁴ Students are encouraged to select methodology courses appropriate for their dissertation topic.
 - Students who elect to complete two minors must complete at least one minor outside of the department of MPCH.
 - Students who elect to complete one minor and one breadth: Students who elect a primary minor within the MPCH department must complete at least two courses of the breadth outside of the department
Students who elect a primary minor outside of the MPCH department may complete breadth coursework in any department.

For a sample course of study, see the PhD in Management and Policy Studies, Healthcare Management/Health Policy Track degree planner (https://web.sph.uth.edu/student-forms/Academic_Requirements/Degree%20Programs%20%20Planners/Planner.PhD.HCMHP.2024-2025.docx).