



UNC CHARLOTTE

Department of Public Health Sciences

Suggested Program of Study

Course Sequence for Part-Time HSR PhD Students (*with prior MPH*) entering Fall Semester

Year	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Year One	HSRD 8201	Introduction to Health Services Research	3	HLTH 8601 <i>or</i> HSRD 8204	Ethics and Integrity in Health Research and Practice <i>or</i> Health Policy	3
	HSRD 8260	Design of Health Services Research	3	HLTH 8270	Applied Biostatistics: Regression	3
	HSRD 8600	Seminar in Health Services Research	1	HSRD 8600	Seminar in Health Services Research	1
Year Two	HSRD 8202	Healthcare Systems and Delivery	3	HSRD 8204 <i>or</i> HLTH 8601	Health Policy <i>or</i> Ethics and Integrity in Health Research and Practice	3
	HLTH 8271	Applied Biostatistics: Multivariate Methods	3	HSRD 8261	Program Evaluation, Outcomes and Quality <i>or</i> Area of Emphasis	3
	HSRD 8600	Seminar in Health Services Research	1	HSRD 8600	Seminar in Health Services Research	1
Year Three	HSRD 8203	Economics of Health and Healthcare	3	HSRD xxxx	Area of Emphasis	3
	HSRD xxxx	Area of Emphasis	3	HSRD 8261	Program Evaluation, Outcomes and Quality <i>or</i> Area of Emphasis	3
Year Four ¹	HSRD xxxx	Area of Emphasis	3	HSRD 8901	Dissertation Credits	9
	HSRD 8901	Dissertation Credits	9	HSRD 8901	Dissertation Credits	9
Year Five	HSRD 8901	Dissertation Credits	6	HSRD 8901	Dissertation Credits	9

¹ Students will presumably take the qualifying examination in the Summer between Year Three and Year Four.

Course and Enrollment Information

HSR PhD Students

- The doctoral program in HSR requires 61 post-master's credit hours. All coursework must be taken at 6000-level or above.
- The five major areas of coursework for the 61 post-master's credit hours are as follows:
 1. Theory Courses (12 credits)
 2. Methods Courses (12 credits)
 3. Professional Roles and Responsibilities Courses (7 credits)
 4. Area of Emphasis Courses (12 credits) - Students will design an area of emphasis in consultation with their advisor, subject to the Program Director's approval. The area of emphasis should align with the student's intended research focus.
 5. Dissertation (18 credits)
- Full time status is considered enrollment in nine credit hours or more per semester. Part time status is considered enrollment in fewer than nine credit hours per semester.
- Dissertation Research is available in 3, 6, or 9 credits.
- Students will sit for the qualifying examination after completion of their Theory, Methods, Professional Roles and Responsibilities, and Area of Emphasis coursework. It is possible to sit for the qualifying examination even if one Area of Emphasis course is yet to be completed.
- All course selections require approval of PhD Program Director.
- Students will identify Dissertation Committee Chair during second year of full-time study; once Dissertation Committee chair is selected, he/she will become the student's academic advisor for the remainder of the program.
- All newly admitted doctoral students are required to enroll in the online non-credit course GRAD 8990 – Academic Integrity. This course must be successfully completed prior to registering for the next semester.
- Students entering with a master's degree in a field other than public health must complete the prerequisite courses in consultation with the PhD Director. Students must earn a grade of B or above to receive credit. These prerequisite course credits do not count toward the 61 post-master's credit hours and a maximum of six post-masters credits earned from another nationally accredited university may be applied with the Director's approval. Graduates of a CEPH accredited program are waived from the foundational public health course requirement. The prerequisite public health courses are as follows:
 1. HLTH 6200 (Case Studies in Public Health, or other foundational public health knowledge course; 3 credits)
 2. HLTH 6211 (Evidence-Based Methods, or other introductory epidemiology course; 3 credits),
 3. HLTH 6271 (Public Health Data Analysis, or other introductory biostatistics course; 3 credits)
 4. HADM 6142 (Health Policy Development, or other introductory health policy course; 3 credits)