

HEALTH PROMOTION, EDUCATION, AND BEHAVIOR, PH.D.

The Ph.D. program prepares graduates for leadership and skills in research, teaching, and professional service. The Ph.D. prepares graduates to assume leadership roles that emphasize research and teaching activities; these positions are often located in academic or other research settings. The degree requires 48 hours of post-masters course work (60 hours of post-baccalaureate course work), including 12 hours of dissertation preparation. Students may request transfer of a limited number of graduate courses not part of a completed degree program into the doctoral program of study. All doctoral students' programs of study must meet the university and departmental requirements and are subject to approval by the student's program advisory committee and the department's Graduate Director. In addition, the following are required: a written qualifying examination, a written and oral comprehensive examination, and an oral defense of the dissertation. Experience as a member of a research team is also part of the program requirements.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to identify individual, organizational, community, and socio-cultural influences on health and health behavior.
- Students will be able to develop, implement and evaluate interventions at multiple levels to promote health.
- Students will be able to design and conduct rigorous and innovative social and behavioral science research relevant to public health.
- Student will be able to exhibit professional skills including scientific writing, oral communication, grant-writing, teaching, scientific service, and collaboration.