

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
HEALTH PROMOTION SCIENCES
GRADUATE COLLEGE
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

For Students Entering the
Oklahoma State System
For Higher Education:

**Summer 2025 through
Spring 2026**

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages
Total Hours for Degree – 72 Major Hours – 60
Grade Point Averages: Overall: Combined OUHSC/Transfer – 3.5 Major: Combined OUHSC/Transfer - 3.0

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN HEALTH PROMOTION
SCIENCES**

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PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a Master's degree in Public Health.

Minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Successful completion of the following required courses:

BSE 5163	Biostatistics Methods I
BSE 5113	Principles of Epidemiology
HPS 5213	Social & Behavioral Sciences in Public Health
OEH 5013	Environmental Health
HAP 5453	U.S. Health Care System

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CORE COURSES (9 hours)

HPS 6633	Health Promotion Theory I
HPS 6643	Health Promotion Theory II
HPS 6943	Advanced Program Evaluation

METHODS (15 hours)

Required Specific Courses:

HPS 6933	Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health
BSE 5173	Biostatistics Methods II OR
BSE 5663	Analysis of Frequency Data
HPS 6953	Advanced Research Methods in Social & Behavioral Sciences

Additional Electives: TWO of the following in either Qualitative or Quantitative Methods (6 hours)

Quantitative Methods Electives:

BSE 5643	Regression Analysis
BSE 5653	Non-Parametric Methods
BSE 6643	Survival Data Analysis
BSE 6663	Analysis of Multivariate Data
HPS 6853	Measurement in Health Education

Qualitative Methods Electives:

HPS 6453	Focus Group Research
HPS 6833	Social Marketing
SOC 5313	Qualitative Methods: Participant Observation
SOC 6232	Advanced Qualitative Analysis

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MAJOR (SUBSTANTIVE) COURSES (15 hours)

BSE 5363	Epidemiology & Prevention of Chronic Diseases
BSE 6353	Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Disease
BSE 6363	Cancer Epidemiology & Prevention
HAP 5783	Public Policy & the Aged
HAP 5823	Long Term Care Administration
HPS 5383	Health & Illness in Old Age
HPS 5473	Psychology of Aging
HPS 5603	Human Behavior & the Social Environment I
HPS 5753	Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
SWK 5010	Social Gerontology (3 hours)

MINOR (RELATED AREA) COURSES (9 hours)

Anthropology:

ANTH 5223	Theories of Culture
ANTH 5123	Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 5563	Medicine & Society
ANTH 5803	Theories of Identity
ANTH 5833	Theories of Social Organization

Communication:

COMM 5263	Health Communication
COMM 5333	Organizational Communication
COMM 5343	Mass Communication Perspectives
COMM 5553	Persuasive Communication Campaigns
COMM 6453	Seminar in Social Influence
COMM 6433	Communication in Health Organization

Political Science:

PSC 5323	Problems in Public Policy (Health Policy)
PSC 5343	Public Policy & Inequality
PSC 5403	Mediating Institutions: Parties, Interest Groups, & Mass Media
PSC 5733	Contemporary Political Theory
PSC 6003	Political Science: Survey of a Discipline

Psychology:

PSY 5103	Physiological Psychology
PSY 5413	Personality
PSY 5423	Social Psychology
PSY 5703	Survey of Industrial & Organizational Psychology
PSY 5203	Survey in Cognitive Psychology
PSY 6933	Seminar in Human Learning & Motivation

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Sociology:

SOC 5933	Seminar in Sociological Social Theory
SOC 6313	Seminar in Social Change
SOC 6363	Special Topic in Social Differentiation
SOC 5383	Seminar in Social Stratification
SOC 6903	Seminar in Issues in Sociological Theory

Social Work:

SWK 5013	Profession of Social Work
HPS 5603	Human Behavior & the Social Environment I
SWK 5263	Human Behavior & the Social Environment
SWK 5313	Social Welfare in a Changing World

Occupational & Environment Health:

OEH 6252	Occupational & Environmental Risk Communication
OEH 5033	Environmental Issues
OEH 5233	Principles of Environmental Management
OEH 5723	Occupational & Environmental Hazards
OEH 5262	Occupational & Environmental Law

Biostatistics & Epidemiology – Epidemiology Track:

BSE 5153	Clinical Trials
BSE 5193	Intermediate Epidemiological Methods
BSE 5303	Epidemiology of Infectious Disease
BSE 5363	Epidemiology & Prevention of Chronic Disease
BSE 6333	Pediatric Epidemiology

Health Administration & Policy:

HAP 5183	Organizational Theory & Behavior
HAP 5413	Principles of Health Services Management
HAP 5613	Financial Management
HAP 5873	Health Information Systems
HAP 5303	Health Policy & Politics

DISSERTATION (Minimum of 12 hours)

The required coursework noted above is completed first. Written comprehensive exams are then taken that cover three content areas: Theory, Methods, and the Concentrations. Dissertation Proposal Oral Defense – Once the student has successfully passed the written comprehensive exams, the student will complete and orally defend a dissertation proposal under the direction of the 5-member dissertation committee. Dissertation Oral Defense – Once the student has completed the dissertation work, the dissertation committee will conduct the oral defense of the dissertation.

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Student's advisory committee sets the remainder of any needed requirements to meet the 72 hours required for the degree.