

**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:  <b>Summer 2025 through Spring 2026</b>	<b>Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages</b>	<b>DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HEALTH PROMOTION SCIENCES</b>  1233T
	Total Hours for Degree – <b>90</b> Major Hours – <b>60</b>	
	<b>Grade Point Averages:</b> Overall: Combined OUHSC/Transfer – 3.5 Major: Combined OUHSC/Transfer - 3.0	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>Successful completion of a Master's degree in Public Health.</p> <p>Minimum grade point average of 3.5.</p> <p>GRE scores of at least 145 on the verbal and quantitative Reasoning sections of the exam and 2+ on the written section.</p> <p>Successful completion of the following required courses:</p> <table> <tr><td>BSE 5163</td><td>Biostatistics Methods I</td></tr> <tr><td>BSE 5113</td><td>Principles of Epidemiology</td></tr> <tr><td>HPS 5213</td><td>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences in Public Health</td></tr> <tr><td>OEH 5013</td><td>Environmental Health</td></tr> <tr><td>HAP 5453</td><td>U.S. Health Care System</td></tr> </table>	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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHD – HEALTH PROMOTION SCIENCES CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS – CONTINUED</b></p> <p><b>MAJOR (SUBSTANTIVE) COURSES (15 hours)</b></p> <table> <tr><td>BSE 5363</td><td>Epidemiology &amp; Prevention of Chronic Diseases</td></tr> <tr><td>BSE 6353</td><td>Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Disease</td></tr> <tr><td>BSE 6363</td><td>Cancer Epidemiology &amp; Prevention</td></tr> <tr><td>HAP 5783</td><td>Public Policy &amp; the Aged</td></tr> <tr><td>HAP 5823</td><td>Long Term Care Administration</td></tr> <tr><td>HPS 5383</td><td>Health &amp; Illness in Old Age</td></tr> <tr><td>HPS 5473</td><td>Psychology of Aging</td></tr> <tr><td>HPS 5603</td><td>Human Behavior &amp; the Social Environment I</td></tr> <tr><td>HPS 5753</td><td>Psychosocial Aspects of Disability</td></tr> <tr><td>SWK 5010</td><td>Social Gerontology (3 hours)</td></tr> </table> <p><b>MINOR (RELATED AREA) COURSES (9 hours)</b></p> <p>Anthropology:</p> <table> <tr><td>ANTH 5223</td><td>Theories of Culture</td></tr> <tr><td>ANTH 5123</td><td>Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology</td></tr> <tr><td>ANTH 5563</td><td>Medicine &amp; Society</td></tr> <tr><td>ANTH 5803</td><td>Theories of Identity</td></tr> <tr><td>ANTH 5833</td><td>Theories of Social Organization</td></tr> </table> <p>Communication:</p> <table> <tr><td>COMM 5263</td><td>Health Communication</td></tr> <tr><td>COMM 5333</td><td>Organizational Communication</td></tr> <tr><td>COMM 5343</td><td>Mass Communication Perspectives</td></tr> <tr><td>COMM 5553</td><td>Persuasive Communication Campaigns</td></tr> <tr><td>COMM 6453</td><td>Seminar in Social Influence</td></tr> <tr><td>COMM 6433</td><td>Communication in Health Organization</td></tr> </table> <p>Political Science:</p> <table> <tr><td>PSC 5323</td><td>Problems in Public Policy (Health Policy)</td></tr> <tr><td>PSC 5343</td><td>Public Policy &amp; Inequality</td></tr> <tr><td>PSC 5403</td><td>Mediating Institutions: Parties, Interest Groups, &amp; Mass Media</td></tr> <tr><td>PSC 5733</td><td>Contemporary Political Theory</td></tr> <tr><td>PSC 6003</td><td>Political Science: Survey of a Discipline</td></tr> </table> <p>Psychology:</p> <table> <tr><td>PSY 5103</td><td>Physiological Psychology</td></tr> <tr><td>PSY 5413</td><td>Personality</td></tr> <tr><td>PSY 5423</td><td>Social Psychology</td></tr> <tr><td>PSY 5703</td><td>Survey of Industrial &amp; Organizational Psychology</td></tr> <tr><td>PSY 5203</td><td>Survey in Cognitive Psychology</td></tr> <tr><td>PSY 6933</td><td>Seminar in Human Learning &amp; Motivation</td></tr> </table>	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)	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	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	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	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 90 hours required for the degree.