# California State University, Long Beach Policy Statement 25-03

January 21, 2025

# Doctor of Public Health

(This new doctoral program was approved by the CSULB Academic Senate on November 7, 2024, and approved by the President on November 14, 2024, and approved by the CSU Chancellor’s Office on January 20, 2025.)

# Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)

The DrPH is an advanced professional practice degree designed to prepare current and future leaders to improve health, such as non-governmental agencies, research centers, institutions of higher education, health care, and professional associations, the public’s health domestic or globally. The DrPH focuses on practical application of public health principles, influencing policy, and integrating research methods in community- based settings. Graduates are prepared for either domestic or international careers in public health agencies, or private sector settings that work toward improving public health.

The DrPH program is a post masters (MPH) degree program with the following three specializations: Public Health Informatics, Global Health and Health policy and Management. The program is a 48 semester units two calendar years full time program. It consists of 25 units of core courses, 9 units of Concentration courses in their specialty, 6 units of electives, and 8 units of predissertation and dissertation research culminating project. Students are admitted after they have completed 18 units of Public Health Foundational courses leading to the MPH degree.

The DrPH is available to qualified students who desire advanced studies. The Department of Health Science is accredited by the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA) to offer the baccalaureate and the master’s degree programs.

Total units required to complete the degree: 48 units.

# Community Health Core

Take all of the following:

* HSC 700 Current Issues in Applied Epidemiology 3 units
* HSC 703 Advanced Public Health Statistics 3 units
* HSC 708 Ethics for Public Health Policy Leaders 3 units
* HSC 724 Program Development to Implementation in Health Promotion 3 units
* HSC 728 Advanced Environmental Health & Social Justice 3 units
* HSC 770 Advanced Public Health Theoretical Concepts 3 units
* HSC 775 DrPH Professional Development Seminar I 1 unit
* HSC 785A Doctoral Practicum (may be in concentration) 3 units
* HSC 796 Public Health Research & Evaluation 3 units

# Electives

Take a minimum of 6 units of electives, 6 units of which must be at the 700 level. May be any of the following courses or a course offered in concentration (excluding HSC 785)

* HSC 705 Foundations in Public Health Leadership 3 units
* HSC 780 Selected Topics in Advanced Public Health 2-3 units
* HSC 795 Directed Individual Study 1-3 units
* HSC 786 Doctoral Teaching Practicum 1-3 units

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| **Concentration in Public Health Informatics and Technology (9 units)** | | |
| Take the following *9 units of 700 level courses.* | | |
| HSC 790 | Public Health Informatics Planning & Evaluation | 3 units |
| NRSG 704 HSC 785B | [Informatics in Healthcare](http://catalog.csulb.edu/preview_entity.php?catoid=5&ent_oid=622&p=2)  Doctoral Practicum in Public Health Informatics & Technology | 3 units  3-6 units |
| **Concentration in Global Health (9 units)** | | |
| Take the following *9 units of 700 level courses.* | | |
| HSC 720 | Social Determinants of Health | 3 units |
| HSC 740 | Strategic Planning & Resource Mobilization in Global Public Health | 3 units |
| HSC 785C | Doctoral Practicum in Global Health | 3-6 units |
| **Concentration in Health Policy and Management (9 units)** | | |
| Take the following *9 units of 700 level courses.* | | |
| NRSG 706 | Healthcare Policy, Ethics, and Advocacy for Nurses | 3 units |
| HSC 750 | Health Policy Analysis Methods | 3 units |
| HSC 785D | Doctoral Practicum in Health Policy and Management | 3-6 units |
| **Qualifying Examination Paper for Advancement to Candidacy** | | |
| **Dissertation Research Module (minimum of 8 units)** | | |
| HSC 797 | Doctoral Pre-Dissertation Study | 1 unit |
| HSC 798 A-C | Doctoral Dissertation \*\* | 7 units |
| **Dissertation Defense** | |  |

\*Semester based on a Full-time schedule for a student without an MPH

\*\* The expected total units via repetition for each of these courses needs to add up to the 7 total units.

# EFFECTIVE: Fall 2025

Academic Plan Code: HSC\_PH01PB CIP: 51.2201

CSU Code: 12141

Career: Doctoral

College: College of Health and Human Services Department: Health Science

Delivery: Hybrid