

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

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
NRSB 704	Informatics in Healthcare	3 units
HSC 785B	Doctoral Practicum in Public Health Informatics & Technology	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*.

NRSB 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.

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College: College of Health and Human Services

Department: Health Science

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