HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH (PHHS)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Public Health

Abstract
The goal of this program is to provide interdisciplinary training in research, practice, and policy analysis relevant to the planning, administration, management, and evaluation of health and public health programs. The degree program will prepare students to advance research, policy, and practice in order to improve access, cost, and quality of health services, with a particular emphasis on federal, state, and local health policy. The PhD in Health Services requires a minimum of 50 credits organized in four modules. After module 1 (required core health services research courses), students select a cognate area or track. Potential tracks are: health economics, health policy, health equity/sociology of health, and an interdisciplinary track (developed with advisor’s approval). Together with their advisor, students select 5 elective courses in the track of which 2 must be methods courses relevant to the cognate area. After completing the track coursework, students must pass a qualifying exam. All students must take an ethics course, a proposal development course and must pass an oral proposal defense to be admitted to candidacy. After candidacy, students take a graduate seminar, and dissertation credits which culminate in a doctoral dissertation and an oral dissertation defense. For further information go to http://sph.umd.edu/department/hlsa/doctoral-program-health-services-phd/

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Courses: SPHL (https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/sphl/) HLSA (https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/hlsa/)

Admissions
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
• Statement of Purpose
• Transcript(s)
• TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/)

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
• SOPHAS Application (https://sophas.org/): Applications for this School of Public Health Program must first be submitted through the Public Health application system, www.SOPHAS.org (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-equity-hleq/ www.SOPHAS.org). SPH applicants should only complete the UMD application after their SOPHAS application has been verified and you have been notified to complete the UMD application.

For detailed admissions requirements, please visit http://sph.umd.edu/content/graduate-admissions (http://sph.umd.edu/content/graduate-admissions/)

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Type of Applicant Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants
US Citizens and Permanent Residents

International Applicants
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants

Requirements
• Health Services Research, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-services-phhs/health-services-phd/)