HEALTH SERVICES (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 to 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://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/sphl) HLSA (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/hlsa)

Admissions
Applications for the doctoral program in Health Services are reviewed with consideration to the following criteria:

1. Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
2. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts
3. GRE scores taken within the past 5 years
4. 3 letters of recommendation that address the applicant’s academic capabilities and probability of success in graduate school
5. Statement of professional goals and interests and their congruence with those of the program
6. Relevant academic and work experience

Applicants to the Ph.D. program in Health Services should be sure to use the PHHS major code when selecting the program on the Graduate School application.

Application Deadlines

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