

LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY, AND EQUITY, DRPH

Overview

The DrPH program in Leadership, Advocacy, and Equity is a part-time, applied professional degree that prepares leaders in public health and other practice settings to create and manage programs and organizations. The DrPH program has a strong focus on field applications of needs assessment, coalition building, and program planning, grounded in an advanced understanding of the social determinants of health on health equity. Advanced study focuses on leadership and strategic management, systemic barriers to health equity, community advocacy, and program development and grant writing. Graduates of the program are expected to lead in the areas of health equity and advocacy to improve organizations and communities.

Program Competencies:

- Analyze the impact of historical and contemporary multilevel bias, trauma, and resilience on health inequities between marginalized groups.
- Develop priority settings to address complex health topics that pose the greatest public health threats by utilizing equity focused health impact assessment tools and methodologies.
- Design an advocacy strategy that promotes health equity in a specified community by identifying and mapping stakeholders, appropriate platforms, key processes, and engaged organizations.
- Translate evidence-based research and practice-based findings into culturally responsive, sustainable public health programs and initiatives.
- Propose a program or initiative that addresses an identified health equity need and advocates and empowers individuals and communities to achieve optimal well-being.

Requirements

The DrPH Degree in Leadership, Advocacy, and Equity requires a total of 57 credits (15 credits of pre-requisites and 42 credit hours of doctoral coursework) that includes:

Course ID	Title	Credits
Foundational Coursework - Prerequisites		
SPHL 6020	Foundations in Public Health	3
SPHL 6050	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
SPHL 6060	Epidemiology for Public Health	3
SPHL 6070	Health Systems Policy and Management	3
SPHL 6080	Design Strategies in Public Health Programs	3
Program Required Courses		
SPHL 8000	Principles of Public Health Leadership	3
SPHL 8010	Budget and Financial Management	3
SPHL 8020	Leadership and Strategic Management	3
SPHL 8080	Public Health Pedagogy	3
SPHL 8100	Health Equity and Advocacy	3
SPHL 8200	Public Health & Social Policy	3
SBPS 8220	Community Organizing for Social Change	3
SPHL 8250	Study and Evaluation Methods in Public Health	3
SBPS 8750	Social Determinants of Health I: Theory	3
SBPS 8770	Social Determinants of Health in Public Health Practice	3
SPHL 8820	Advance Program Planning and Grant Writing	3
Electives		6
SPHL 9450	Practice Based Portfolio: Background	3
SPHL 9460	Practice Based Portfolio: Experiential Learning	0
SPHL 9470	Practice Based Portfolio: Culminating Experience	0
Total Credit Hours		57

The DrPH in Leadership, Advocacy, and Equity is a part-time program which follows a cohort model. Students complete two 8-week courses during the Fall and Spring terms, and 0-2 courses during the Summer term.

Model Schedule*

*Based on a Fall start

For students needing to complete the foundational pre-requisite courses:

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
SPHL 6020	Foundations in Public Health	3
SPHL 6050	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
Credit Hours		6
Spring		
SPHL 6060	Epidemiology for Public Health	3
SPHL 6070	Health Systems Policy and Management	3
Credit Hours		6
Summer Session		
SPHL 6080	Design Strategies in Public Health Programs	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		15

After completion of the foundational pre-requisite courses students continue with the plan of study listed below.

For students that have completed the foundational pre-requisite courses prior to matriculation:

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
SPHL 8200	Public Health & Social Policy	3
SPHL 8000	Principles of Public Health Leadership	3
Credit Hours		6
Spring		
SPHL 8250	Study and Evaluation Methods in Public Health	3
SBPS 8220	Community Organizing for Social Change	3
Credit Hours		6
Summer Session		
Electives		6
Credit Hours		6
Year 2		
Fall		
SPHL 8010	Budget and Financial Management	3
SPHL 8080	Public Health Pedagogy	3
Credit Hours		6
Spring		
SBPS 8750	Social Determinants of Health I: Theory	3
SBPS 8770	Social Determinants of Health in Public Health Practice	3
Credit Hours		6
Summer Session		
SPHL 9450	Practice Based Portfolio: Background	3
Credit Hours		3
Year 3		
Fall		
SPHL 8100	Health Equity and Advocacy	3
SPHL 8020	Leadership and Strategic Management	3
SPHL 9460	Practice Based Portfolio: Experiential Learning	0
Credit Hours		6

Spring

SPHL 8820	Advanced Program Planning and Grant Writing	3
SPHL 9470	Practice Based Portfolio: Culminating Experience	0
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		42