**Doctor of Philosophy: Healthcare Management and Health Policy**

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| Course | Credits | Tile | Semester & Year | Grade |
| **Leveling and Other Required Courses** *(see planning note 1)* |
| Public Health 101  | 0 | PH 101 Foundations in Public Health *(required for all students; see planning note 2)*  |  |  |
| PH 1700L | 3 | Intermediate Biostatistics |  |  |
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| Course | Credits | Tile | Semester & Year | Grade | Corresponding Competencies |
| **Required Major Courses***(see planning note 3)* |
| *18 credit hours* | *Competencies* |
| PHD 3731L | 3 | Research Design and Inquiry |  |  | PhD-M6 |
| PHD 3743L | 3 | Organizational and Management Theory |  |  | PhD-M4 |
| PHD 3810 | 3 | Health Policy in the U.S.  |  |  | PhD-M1 |
| PH 3815 | 3 | Health Policy Analysis |  |  | PhD-M3 |
| PHD 3846L | 3 | Quality Management and Improvement in Healthcare |  |  | PhD-M2 |
| PHD 3946L | 3 | Strategy, Governance and Leadership |  |  |  |
| **Epidemiology Required Course***(see planning note 4)* |
| *3 credit hours* | *Competencies* |
| PHM 2612L | 3 | Epidemiology I |  |  |  |
| **Emphasis Area***(see planning note 5)* |
| *6 credit hours* | *Competencies* |
| ***Healthcare Management*** |  |
| *6 credit hours of selected required coursework in Healthcare Management (see planning note 5)* | *Competencies* |
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| ***Health Policy*** |  |
| *6 credit hours of selected required coursework in Health Policy (see planning note 5)* | *Competencies* |
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| **Minor***(see planning note 6)* |
| *9 credit hours* | *Competencies* |
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| **Breadth or Second Minor** *(see planning note 6)* |
| *9 credit hours* | *Competencies*  |
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| **Dissertation***(see planning note 7)* |
| *3 credit hours* |  |
| PHD 9999 | 3 | Dissertation Research |  |  |  |
| **Total Credits***(see planning note 8)* | **48** |  |

*For course availability, including online offerings, please reference the* [*Course Rotation Schedule*](https://web.sph.uth.edu/student-forms/Academic_Requirements/Schedule%20of%20Classes/Reference.Course_Rotation.pdf) *and the* [*Interactive Course Schedule*](https://web.sph.uth.edu/course/CourseSchedule)*.*

**Planning Notes:**

**Planning Note 1 (Leveling Courses):** Students may be required to complete additional leveling coursework based on their academic history. Students should discuss with their faculty advisor to identify which courses might be needed for academic success. In some instances, required leveling courses may be indicated in the student’s offer of admission. *Academic credits from leveling courses do not count towards the total required number of credits for the degree program.*

**Planning Note 2 (PH 101):** This course is required for all students, including students enrolled in the PhD in Healthcare Management/Health Policy. This course is an online, not-for-credit course that covers the Foundational Knowledge Competencies set forth by CEPH. Students will be added to the course in Canvas during their first semester. Students must complete the course within one year of matriculation.

**Planning Note 3 (Required Major Courses):** All required major courses (18 credit hours) must be completed before the student can take the preliminary exam.

**Planning Note 4 (Epidemiology Required Course):** In accordance with SPH Policy 303, all students must complete one epidemiology course (2500-2999). If students choose to complete PHM 2612L *Epidemiology I*, the credit hours will not count toward the total credit hours required for this doctoral degree. The epidemiology requirement can be fulfilled if the student takes an epidemiology course through the minor and/or breadth requirements (*see planning note 6*). Students are required to complete the minimum 48 credit hour requirement for their degree (*see planning note 8*).

**Planning Note 5 (Emphasis Area):** Students must complete specialized coursework in either Healthcare Management or Health Policy. Students must complete 6 credit hours of required selected coursework from either area of emphasis.

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| ***Healthcare Management*** |  |
| *6 credit hours of selected required coursework in Healthcare Management (see planning note 4)* | *Competencies* |
| PHD 3721L | 3 | *Healthcare Finance* |  |  |  |
| PH 3736L | 3 | *U.S. Healthcare Payment Systems and Policy* |  |  |  |
| PHD 3812 | 3 | *Comparative Health Systems* |  |  |  |
| PH 3825 | 3 | *Public Health Law* |  |  |  |
| PHD 3910 | 3 | *Health Economics* |  |  |  |
| PHD 3922 | 3 | *Economic and Social Determinants of Health* |  |  |  |
| PH 3940 | 3 | *Healthcare Outcomes and Quality Research* |  |  |  |
| ***Health Policy*** |  |
| *6 credit hours of selected required coursework in Health Policy (see planning note 4)* | *Competencies* |
| PHD 3812 | 3 | *Comparative Health Systems* |  |  |  |
| PH 3818 | 3 | *Texas Health Policy: Emerging Issues and New Approaches* |  |  |  |
| PH 3825 | 3 | *Public Health Law* |  |  |  |
| PHD 3830 | 3 | *Ethics and Policy* |  |  |  |
| PH 3736L | 3 | *U.S. Healthcare Payment Systems and Policy* |  |  |  |
| PH 3915 | 3 | *Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Programs* |  |  |  |
| PHD 3998 | 3 | *Advanced Policy Studies with Topical Content*  |  |  |  |

**Planning Note 6 (Minor; 2nd Minor or Breadth):** Students in the PhD in Healthcare Management/Health Policy are required to complete [one minor and one breadth] or two minors. Students should consult with their advisor when selecting minor and breadth coursework. Students are encouraged to select methodology courses appropriate for their dissertation topic.

* Students who elect to complete two minors, must complete at least one minor outside of the department of MPACH.
* Students who elect to complete one minor and one breadth:
	+ Students who elect a primary minor within the MPACH department must complete at least two courses of the breadth outside of the department.
	+ Students who elect a primary minor outside of the MPACH department may complete breadth coursework in any department.

**Planning Note 7 (Dissertation):** A minimum of 3 credit hours of dissertation is required. A maximum of 6 credit hours of dissertation will count towards the degree requirement. Students are strongly encouraged to enrollin *PHD 3970 Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Development for MPCH (3 credits)* to prepare for the dissertation proposal; this course does count towards the maximum 6 credit hours of dissertation that can be applied towards the minimum 48 credit hours required for the degree (*see planning note 8*).

**Planning Note 8 (Total Credits):** Completion of a prescribed course of study of at least one (1) academic year and a minimum of at least 48 semester credit hours. A maximum of six (6) semester credit hours of dissertation count toward the minimum 48 credit hours. If the student chooses to elect a practicum, no more than three (3) credit hours of practicum and three (3) credit hours of dissertation count toward the minimum of 48 credit hours. Therefore, at least 42 credit hours of courses other than practicum or dissertation must be successfully completed.

***Planner must be completed in collaboration with and signed by the faculty advisor. Changes to planned coursework may be made and submitted to the faculty advisor for approval. Students must submit their final completed degree planner with the evaluation report the semester before their anticipated graduation.***

**Advising Notes:**

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