



Department of Public Health, Health Administration and Information, and Health Sciences

## PhD in Public Health Degree

Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

Tennessee State University Public Health Doctoral (PhD) Program in the College of Health Sciences prepares public health professionals in practice, research, and life-long learning; to preserve and promote the health of local, state, regional, national, and international populations. The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree is an advanced professional degree for public health that prepares researchers at the doctoral level to examine public health issues through a holistic approach.

This program is designed for those that have already completed an accredited MPH program or related health master's degree. The PhD in Public Health program is an on-ground, on-campus, traditional format. The program is designed for full-time and part-time students, including early and mid-career working professionals.

The PhD program requires the completion of a minimum of 72 credit hours, with a required dissertation, and may be completed in four years for full-time students. The public health curriculum emphasizes CEPH's core competencies to enable students to become more effective public health researchers.

Applications are for Fall semesters only. Priority deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants are encouraged to apply early!

Graduates from the PhD Program will hold titles or be employed at places such as:

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| * Post-doc researcher                | * Tennessee Department of Health  |
| * Health promotion officer           | * The Tennessee Kidney Foundation |
| * Program director                   | * Policy analyst                  |
| * University instructor              | * Epidemiologist                  |
| * Hospitals, such as Vanderbilt, HCA | * Health consulting firms         |

For additional information, please call (615) 963-7367 or visit the department website at [https://www.tnstate.edu/phas/public\\_health\\_phd.aspx](https://www.tnstate.edu/phas/public_health_phd.aspx)

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Year 1					
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	(Optional) Summer Semester	Credits
PUBH 7010 Statistical Analysis I	3	PUBH 7020 Statistical Analysis II	3	Elective	3
PUBH 7220 Behavioral Science, Theory, & Practice	3	PUBH 7120 Management & Public Health Policy	3		
PUBH 7230 Advanced Studies in Analyzing Population Health Gaps	3	PUBH 7030 Advanced Studies in Health Perspectives Across Communities	3		
Candidacy/Program of Study Form due	May	Qualifying Exam Application Due	Sept.		
<b>Total</b>	9	<b>Total</b>	9	<b>Total</b>	0-3
Year 2					
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	(Optional) Summer Semester	Credits
PUBH 7110 Program Planning & Evaluation	3	PUBH 7080 Environmental Health	3	Elective	3
PUBH 7100 Advanced Epidemiological Methods	3	PUBH 8240 Health Communication & Literacy	3		
PUBH 7060 Qualitative Research	3	Elective	3		
<b>*** Qualifying Exam ***</b>	March				
<b>Total</b>	9	<b>Total</b>	9	<b>Total</b>	0-3
Year 3					
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	(Optional) Summer Semester	Credits
PUBH 7900 Quantitative Research	3	PUBH 8330 Global Health Issues	3	Elective	3
PUBH 8250 Community-Based Research	3	Elective	3		
Elective	3	<b>*** Comp Exam ***</b>			
<b>Total</b>	9	<b>Total</b>	6	<b>Total</b>	0-3
Year 4					
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	(Optional) Summer Semester	Credits
PUBH 8000 Dissertation	6	PUBH 8000 Dissertation	6	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3		
		Apply for May Graduation in Banner	By Mar. 15th		
		Schedule Dissertation Defense			
<b>Total</b>	9	<b>Total</b>	9	<b>Total</b>	0-3
				<b>Program Total</b>	72

#### **PhD Admissions Criteria:**

1. Have an MPH or related master's degree
2. Overall GPA at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
3. Official transcripts from all institutions attended, including TSU
4. Personal Statement (Two parts)
  - a. Statement of Purpose and Objectives (max. 1500 words)
  - b. Research Statement (max. 500 words)
5. Resume or CV
6. GRE (TSU code: 1803)
7. Three (3) letters of recommendation
8. An interview with the PhD Admissions Committee may be necessary.
9. Proof of immunization will be required, if admitted to the program

Refer to the program website for more detailed information.

#### **For International Students:**

- Official transcripts and authorized school records with a course-by-course listing of courses and grades received, such transcripts must have been evaluated by a foreign educational credentialing agency at the student's expense
- TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo (TSU code: 1803)
- Current, valid passport
- Documentation of financial resources
- Certificate of financial resources
- Certificate of Immunization
- More information can be found at the following website:  
<https://www.tnstate.edu/graduate/internationalstudentadmission.aspx>

#### **Deadlines:**

- Priority Deadline: December 1st
- Final Deadline:
  - International Students: March 1st
  - Domestic Students: April 1st

Applicants are encouraged to apply early! Graduate Assistantships are available but are competitive; application required.

For information about Financial Aid, please visit:

[https://www.tnstate.edu/financial\\_aid/](https://www.tnstate.edu/financial_aid/)

#### **Procedures for Admission:**

1. Begin the Graduate Admissions application at <http://go.tnstate.edu/inquiryform>.
2. The completion of the form will forward you to GradCAS (<https://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>) for completion of the electronic application.
  - a. Select one major from the list provided on the application form,
  - b. check the semester of enrollment, and
  - c. indicate the degree sought;
3. The completed application form requires a \$35.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School;
4. Request the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) to send one official transcript to the Graduate School;
5. Submit official copies of all test scores appropriate to the degree program to the Graduate School.

Information on tuition, fees, and residency are at:

<https://www.tnstate.edu/bursar/fees.aspx>