PhD in Public Health Sciences

The Brown School’s PhD program in Public Health Sciences prepares students to think critically as public health scientists, to succeed as independent investigators, and to understand and address public health challenges for the nation and the world. It provides hands-on research experiences and mentoring from day one of the program; a curriculum that builds methodological and analytical skills and that offers deep knowledge of the field’s theoretical and conceptual underpinnings, philosophy and history; and professional acculturation and network building.

Our doctoral program involves intense study in population health and social science research methods as well as personalized mentoring by some of the leading scholars in the field. Our faculty are on the forefront of research in such areas as health disparities, chronic disease prevention, epidemiology and biostatistics, global health, health policy, systems science, urban design and the built environment, dissemination and implementation science, and mental health. Our curriculum prepares students for leadership in research in a rapidly changing society. We provide a diversity of experience and faculty with a cross-section of interests that enhance transdisciplinary learning. We have created a collaborative and entrepreneurial community with a strong commitment to conducting research that will have social impact.

A completed master’s degree in public health, social work, or related social or health science is required of all applicants for admission. The deadline for applications to the PhD in Public Health Sciences is December 1 of the year preceding enrollment.

For additional information, please refer to the Doctoral Programs Viewbook (https://brownschool.wustl.edu/Academics/PhD-in-Public-Health-Sciences/Pages/default.aspx) on the Brown School website.

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Degree Requirements

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• 72 credit hours; 21 credits transferable from a relevant master's program
• Two years enrolled in full-time courses
• Complete and defend a dissertation
• Three teaching practicums for course credit
• Three research practicums for course credit