

# University of Georgia College of Public Health

## PhD in Health Promotion and Behavior— Degree Requirements

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Doctoral students must demonstrate competency in the core master level health promotion courses and basic research methods, by taking the courses at UGA or equivalent coursework.

### Master level Competencies: up to 12 credit hours

- HPRB 7070 Program planning in health promotion and disease prevention
- EPID 7010 Epidemiology
- HPRB 7920 Health behavior
- HPRB 7470 Program evaluation in health promotion and health education

### Basic Research Competencies: 6 credit hours

- BIOS 7010 Biostatistics I
  - BIOS 7020 Biostatistics II
- OR
- ERSB 8310 Applied analysis of variance
  - ERSB 8320 Applied correlation and regression

All doctoral students will take the doctoral level Health Promotion core courses, cognate courses, advance research methods, research seminar, and doctoral dissertation.

### Health Promotion Doctoral Requirements: 12 credit hours

- HPRB 8410 Human ecology of health and illness
- HPRB 8420 Theory and research in health promotion
- HPRB 8430 Intervention and evaluation in health promotion
- HPRB 9630 Critique of the literature

### Cognate Area Requirements: 12-15 credit hours

Students select courses from one of the three cognate areas:

- Instructional Design
- Health Communications
- Behavioral Foundations

### Advanced Research Methods and Research Seminar (minimum 13 credits)

Students select a minimum of three advance research courses in quantitative or qualitative research, plus four 1-hour research seminars (one per semester).

### Doctoral Dissertation (HPRB 9000 and HPRB 9300): 3 to 30 credits

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