

**The University of Oklahoma  
College of Public Health**



***Doctor of Public Health***

The three requirements for the DrPH degree are:

- a. Didactic Work. Didactic work as indicated by the student Advisory Committee (see below) at the time of initial doctoral advisory conference must include a minimum of 35 credit hours. Course work must be balanced among a minimum of three of the five core disciplines within public health.
- b. General Examination. A General Examination with oral and written components is taken upon completion or in the final semester of course work, when recommended by the Advisory Committee to the Dean.
- c. DrPH Practice-Based Dissertation. The practice-based dissertation is a written treatise on the application of advanced public health practice skills and knowledge in the design and execution of a scholarly project, the analysis and interpretation of the findings, and the application of the new knowledge to advance public health practice. Students' academic advisors or mentors will encourage and guide them, when they begin developing their practice-based dissertation project, to select a doctoral committee to advise and support their projects in terms of content and expertise. Students may choose to involve members of their advisory committee or may invite others to participate. The doctoral committee will be five members, at least three of whom will be primary faculty members within the COPH and at least two of whom will have a significant public health practice orientation. The practice-based dissertation project should normally consist of 15 credit hours of enrollment taken over 3 semesters. The Defense of the dissertation is scheduled during the final semester of enrollment.

*This degree program is subject to the policies and procedures printed in the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health Bulletin.*

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