PhD in Health Promotion and Behavior— Degree Requirements

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 7010  Social and behavioral foundations of health
- EPID 7010  Introduction to epidemiology I
- HPRB 7920  Theories of health behavior
- HPRB 7470  Program evaluation in health promotion and health education

Masters Research Competencies: 6 credit hours
- BIOS 7010  Biostatistics I
- BIOS 7020  Biostatistics II OR
- ERSH 8310  Applied analysis of variance
- ERSH 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 Behavior Core Requirements:
- HPRB 8510  Research Methods I
- HPRB 8520  Research Methods II
- HPRB 8420  Theory and research in health promotion
- HPRB 9630  Intervention and evaluation of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- HPRB 8800  Grant Writing for Health Promotion Research
- HPRB 9630  Critique of the literature in Health Promotion and Behavior

Cognate Area Requirements:
The Cognates serve to enhance the student’s content background and research competencies. Students will work directly with their major professor to determine the most appropriate classes for their area of interest.

Advanced Research Methods: 9-12 credit hours
Students must successfully complete a plan sequence of 9-12 hours in advanced methods courses. The 9-12 hours should emphasize quantitative or qualitative methods courses. Introduction to Epidemiology II, EPID 7020, is strongly recommended.

Research Seminar
Students will complete 4 hours of doctoral seminar by enrolling in 2 hours of HPRB 8990 for the fall and spring semester of their third year.

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

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