



SPH DOCTORAL DEGREES

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DrPH - DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree offers advanced-level professional training in public health leadership. Matriculation into the degree program is through the School of Public Health with the participation of the school's four academic divisions. The goal of the program is to prepare public health leaders by ensuring expertise in the conceptual foundations of public health, research methods, leadership, management, communication skills, and a substantive area of specialization. Students will be eligible for conferral of the Doctor of Public Health degree upon demonstrating mastery of competencies through a combination of course work, independent study, prior experience, and completion of a practice-based thesis project.

Careers for the DrPH Graduate

The DrPH graduate is prepared to assume a leadership role in a variety of settings. He or she may become a public health program director, planner, consultant, or legislative analyst. Other career possibilities include directorships of city, county, state, or federal public health departments, environmental agencies, or health care systems. Executive positions in volunteer and professional health organizations are also potential career avenues.

PhD - DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Public Health Sciences is awarded by the University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate College to students at the School of Public Health. Programs of study leading to a PhD in Public Health Sciences may be taken in one or more of the school's four divisions.

Careers for the PhD Graduate

The PhD develops scholars and scientists capable of identifying data, information, and knowledge gaps in the public health sciences and designing and conducting research to advance knowledge in the field. The PhD also prepares graduates for teaching at the college or university level. Research needs in industry and governmental, private, and voluntary organizations provide career opportunities outside academia.

Traveling Scholars Program for DrPH and PhD Students

DrPH and PhD students have a unique opportunity to participate in the university's Traveling Scholars Program. This program, established by the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), allows students to take advantage of specialized courses, laboratory and library facilities, and related faculty guidance at other universities in the Big Ten and the University of Chicago. Under the program, doctoral students may spend two semesters or three quarters at any of the other CIC institutions while paying the UIC SPH tuition rate.