

Maternal and Child Health Track PhD Requirements Effective Fall 2006

Academic requirements for completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in the division of Community Health Sciences (CHS) are given below. Students should also review the requirements of the PhD degree described in the School of Public Health Student Handbook as well as the Graduate College Catalogue. For the PhD degree, the minimum SPH requirement is 96 semester hours, although more hours may be required by the student's advisor or by the MCH track. PhD students in Community Health Sciences with a concentration in Maternal and Child Health are required to take a constellation of 500-level MCH-related courses (specific courses taken are decided by each student and his/her advisor).

Course Number and Name	Semester Hours
SPH core courses BSTT 400: Biostatistics I (3 sh) BSTT 401: Biostatistics II (4 sh) EPID 403: Introduction to Epidemiology: Principles and Methods (3 sh) EPID 406: Epidemiological Computing	12 sh
Maternal and Child Health-Related Courses (at least 9 sh at the 500-level)	9 sh
Collateral area which may be another area of concentration within CHS or outside (at least 6 sh at the 500-level)	6 sh
Seminars/electives (and CHS required courses) CHS required courses CHSC 400: Public Health Concepts and Practice (3 sh) CHSC 501: Foundations of Public Health Inquiry (3 sh) Plus: Students must also select <u>one</u> from the following: HPA 400: Basic Principles of Management in Public Health (3 sh) EOHS 400: Principles of Environmental Health Sciences (3 sh) CHSC 401: Behavioral Sciences in Public Health (3 sh) Other seminars and electives (28 sh)	37 sh
PhD Research IPHS 599: Research in Public Health Sciences	32 sh
Total minimum required:	96 sh*

PhD students in CHS are *required* to obtain experience in classroom teaching in at least one course for at least some part of the semester. Students should refer to the teaching requirements established for PhD students in the SPH Student Handbook. Student preparation for the PhD preliminary examination should begin early (9-12 months prior to the exam is suggested) with consultation from the student's committee members.

*Up to 32 sh credit may be credited from a previous public health related master's degree. Students may also waive courses if they have taken comparable courses in their previous studies (decided upon an individual basis).