PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES (PHS)

PHS 6010 - Design and Analysis in Public Health
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The purpose of this proseminar is to lay a foundation for the incoming student in the doctoral program in Health Services Research upon which all subsequent courses may build. That foundation consists of four principal components: (a) an introduction to the history, nature, and culture of health services research; (b) an introduction to the methods of critical appraisal necessary for evaluating the burgeoning literature field; (c) the routine application of those critical appraisal methods in the context of written assignments and in-class discussion; and (d) a hands-on review of basic statistical analysis using the national norming study for the SF-36 health outcomes measures as the example. Offered annually.
Attributes: Social Work PhD Methods

PHS 6050 - Science, Theory and Public Health
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Doctoral students are presented with a framework for understanding health and health policy. Institutions involved in health require good data and professional analysis to guide goal-setting and policy decision. Students will explore how to focus their research careers on issues integral to the field of public health. Offered every fall semester.
Attributes: Social Work PhD Specilization

PHS 6060 - Applied Research Skills II: Grant Writing
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides doctoral students with instruction and hands-on experience in the preparation of a NIH grant application. NIH has a variety of grant mechanisms for researchers at various stages of their careers. If you don’t already have your Ph.D. there are T and F series awards that one can apply for (if a U.S. citizen or non-citizen nationals or be lawfully entered into the US for permanent residence); if you have your degree there are K series awards (and one F series; same citizen requirements as F & T) as well as R series awards of various types (for researchers who have successfully competed for research funding; not restricted by US citizen and residency status). There are also state and other awards for research funding (e.g., from APA, NSF, private foundations, etc.). We will review some of these. Purpose: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to: a) Understand the elements in the preparation of a NIH grant application: biosketches, specific aims, hypotheses, innovation, significance, approach, evaluation. b) Understand the review mechanisms for a NIH grant application. c) Use the NIH pages on the web. d) Understand the principles used to move from an initial idea to a fully developed grant application. e) Read NIH grant applications and identify the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal. f) Prepare a power analysis and sample size calculations for research studies. g) Understand the principles that guide the protection of human subjects and informed consent in research and prepare an application. h) Prepare a budget for a research project.
Prerequisite(s): PHS 6050, BST 5100, PHS 6040, and PHS 6010
* Concurrent enrollment allowed.
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PHS 6930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PHS 6970 - Advanced Research Topics
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits

PHS 6980 - Advanced Grad Reading Course
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

PHS 6990 - Dissertation Research
Credit(s): 0-12 Credits (Repeatable for credit)