

# The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Public Health

## 18 Characteristics of Texas Public Doctoral Programs Report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board January 2018

Number of Doctoral Degrees Awarded Per Year	Doctoral Degrees Awarded Per Year			
		AY 2015	AY 2016	AY 2017
		Fall14, Spring 15, Summ15	Fall15, Spring 16, Summ16	Fall16, Spring 17, Summ17
	DrPH – Community Health Practice/ Health Services Organization	7	8	8
	DrPH – Epidemiology and Disease Control	1	-	1
	DrPH – Health Promotion/Health Education	3	13	4
	DrPH – Occupational and Environmental Health	1	-	3
	PhD – Behavioral Sciences	4	4	3
	PhD – Biostatistics	16	14	11
	PhD – Environmental Sciences	1	2	2
	PhD – Epidemiology	19	14	21
PhD – Management and Policy Sciences	9	8	15	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>68</b>	
Graduation Rates (percent who graduated within 10 years)	Graduation Rates			
		AY 2015	AY 2016	AY 2017
		For students who began in AY 05, what % graduated by AY 15		
	DrPH – Community Health Practice/Health Services Organization	100%	71%	50%
	DrPH – Epidemiology and Disease Control	100%		
	DrPH – Health Promotion/Health Education	88%	71%	100%
	DrPH – Occupational and Environmental Health	50%	100%	100%
	PhD – Behavioral Sciences		80%	89%
	PhD – Biostatistics	33%	100%	80%
	PhD – Environmental Sciences		75%	67%
	PhD – Epidemiology	92%	71%	82%
PhD – Management and Policy Sciences	80%	86%	67%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>80%</b>	
*N=4; 3 of whom were HSO students – this program has since been discontinued; the graduation rate for CHP is 100% (N=1)				

Average Time to Degree	Average Time to Degree			
		AY 2015	AY 2016	AY 2017
		For AY 2015 graduates (GRAD YEAR-BEGIN YEAR)*12+GRAD MONTH-BEGIN MONTH to get months to graduation	Same for AY 2016	Same for AY 2017
<b>DrPH – Community Health Practice/Health Services Organization</b>		4 Yrs 6 Mons	5 Yrs 0 Mons	6 Yrs 7 Mons
<b>DrPH – Epidemiology and Disease Control</b>		4 Yrs 8 Mons		6 Yrs 11 Mons
<b>DrPH – Health Promotion/Health Education</b>		4 Yrs 9 Mons	5 Yrs 2 Mons	6 Yrs 3 Mons
<b>DrPH – Occupational and Environmental Health</b>		4 Yrs 7 Mons		6 Yrs 5 Mons
<b>PhD – Behavioral Sciences</b>		5 Yrs 0 Mons	4 Yrs 8 Mons	5 Yrs 2 Mons
<b>PhD – Biostatistics</b>		5 Yrs 5 Mons	5 Yrs 2 Mons	4 Yrs 10 Mons
<b>PhD – Environmental Sciences</b>		2 Yrs 8 Mons	7 Yrs 8 Mons	4 Yrs 10 Mons
<b>PhD – Epidemiology</b>		4 Yrs 9 Mons	4 Yrs 9 Mons	4 Yrs 6 Mons
<b>PhD – Management and Policy Sciences</b>		5 Yrs 0 Mons	5 Yrs 9 Mons	7 Yrs 1 Mons
<b>OVERALL AVERAGE</b>		4 Yrs 11 Mons	5 Yrs 2 Mons	5 Yrs 8 Mons

	AY 2015		AY 2016		AY 2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Employment Profile at Graduation</b>						
All DrPH Programs School-wide						
Total Responses	12	--	20	--	9	--
-Employed	10	83%	17	85%	4	44%
-Seeking employment	2	17%	3	15%	5	56%
-Unknown	0	--	--	--	--	--
All PhD Programs School-wide						
Total Responses	49	--	39	--	35	--
-Employed	34	69%	30	77%	18	51%
-Seeking employment	3	6%	7	18%	7	20%
-Continuing education (not employed)	1	2%	2	5%	9	26%
-Not seeking employment	0	--	0	--	--	--
-Unknown	11	23%	--	--	1	3%

*Data Source: Graduate Student Exit Surveys, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17*

**Employment Profile**

Successful employment for SPH graduates is a measure of student achievement. To conform to new accreditation guidelines set forth by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and to demonstrate a true reflection of our graduates' employment success, SPH will now measure student employment one-year post graduation. SPH will also focus on measuring the extent to which students' education at the School of Public Health prepared them for their current or first public health-related job. CEPH, as well as the Association for Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), set an expectation that the job placement rate for public health graduates should meet or exceed 80 percent.

**Post-Graduation Outcomes (AY2016 Graduates)**

Degree Program	Employed	Continuing Education	Actively Seeking	Not Seeking	Unknown	Placement Rate
DrPH	14	0	0	0	3	100%
PhD	23	0	0	0	6	100%

\*Data is not available for previous years; data will be collected annually moving forward.

<p><b>Admissions Criteria</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The degree of MD, DDS, DO, PharmD, or DVM from a regionally accredited school, or a bachelor’s or more advanced degree, in an appropriate field, from a regionally accredited university or school;</li> <li>● Previous public health experience or evidence of the potential to contribute significantly to public health programs and services, particularly to underserved and vulnerable populations.</li> <li>● The applicant must submit an original statement of purpose and objectives and may include a curriculum vitae, copies of reports, articles, recommendations, or other written material believed to reflect such potential;</li> <li>● Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required for all MPH degree applicants. GRE scores are reviewed by the Admissions Committee as one factor among others. An exemption from the GRE requirement may be requested for applicants holding previous doctoral-level degrees from accredited U.S. or Canadian universities or for international medical graduates who hold Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates certification(ECFMG) <b>if</b> they are practicing medicine in the U.S. (e.g. active in a medical residency program or in other clinical medical practice in the U.S.);</li> <li>● All international applicants must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A <b>minimum</b> acceptable score of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based, 250 on computer-based, or 100 on internet-based</li> <li>- IELTS: Overall Score 7.5</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Minimum scores are required for admission consideration to our school. Test scores are valid for 2 years from the test date.</p> <p>Exception to this requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you are a Permanent Resident or Citizen of the United States</li> <li>- If you earned a Bachelor's degree or Doctoral degree from the United States;</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submission of application and supporting documents by the application deadline.</li> </ul>
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Percentage of Full-time Students	Percentage of Full-time Students	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
	DrPH – Community Health Practice / Health Services Organization	59%	53%	57%
	DrPH – Epidemiology and Disease Control	50%	61%	100%
	DrPH – Health Promotion/Health Education	55%	68%	69%
	DrPH – Occupational and Environmental Health	71%	54%	54%
	PhD – Behavioral Sciences	78%	79%	71%
	PhD – Biostatistics	90%	87%	85%
	PhD – Environmental Sciences	83%	70%	73%
	PhD – Epidemiology	71%	66%	66%
	PhD – Management and Policy Sciences (Health Economics/Health Services Research; Healthcare Management/Health Policy)	68%	66%	64%
	School-wide (doctoral students)	71%	69%	68%
School-wide (masters and doctoral students)	76%	76%	73%	
Average Institutional Financial Support Provided	<i>Data not available</i>			
Percentage of Full-time Students with Institutional Financial Support	<i>Data not available</i>			
Number of Core Faculty	Fall 2015: 164 Fall 2016: 158 Fall 2017: 157			
Student-Core Faculty Ratio (Masters and Doctoral Students)	Fall 2015: 5:1 Fall 2016: 5.25:1 Fall 2017: 5.3:1			

	AY 2015		AY 2016		AY 2017		
	Core Faculty External Grants	# of awards	Total \$ in awards	# of awards	Total \$ in awards	# of awards	Total \$ in awards
Core Faculty External Grants	Biostatistics and Data Science	25	\$6,690,110	26	\$9,471,004	24	\$8,478,625
	Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences	20	\$3,278,165	15	\$2,289,195	21	\$1,920,021
	Epidemiology	71	\$14,288,348	93	\$16,045,350	79	\$13,752,463
	Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences	67	\$25,701,578	63	\$14,812,659	65	\$17,213,221
	Management, Policy and Community Health	30	\$3,945,886	21	\$2,603,994	26	\$4,997,447
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>\$53,904,087.00</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>\$ 45,222,202.00</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>\$ 46,361,777.00</b>
	Core Faculty Teaching Load	<b>Faculty Teaching Load by Department</b>			<b>AY 2015</b>	<b>AY 2016</b>	<b>AY 2017</b>
Biostatistics and Data Science			2172	2397	2699		
Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences			2458	2363	2370		
Epidemiology			4039	4444	4455		
Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences			3326	3495	3265		
Management, Policy and Community Health			3539	3760	3568		
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>15534</b>	<b>16459</b>	<b>16357</b>		
<b>Total Number of Faculty</b>			<b>168</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>165</b>		
<b>Semester Credit Hours / Number of Faculty</b>			<b>92</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>		

<b>Core Faculty Diversity</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Fall 2015</b>	<b>Fall 2016</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>
	Ethnicity			
	Native American	1	1	1
	Asian	33	35	36
	Black	6	6	6
	Hispanic	19	19	19
	International	1	0	0
	Unidentified	0	0	1
	White	104	97	94
	Gender			
	Female	85	78	79
	Male	79	80	78
	TOTAL	164	158	157
<b>Student Diversity (Masters and Doctoral Students)</b>	<b>School-wide Student Diversity</b>	<b>Fall 2015</b>	<b>Fall 2016</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>
	Ethnicity			
	Native American	0%	0%	0%
	Asian	11%	14%	16%
	Black	8%	8%	9%
	Hispanic	14%	15%	17%
	International	24%	22%	19%
	Two or more races	2%	2%	2%
	Unidentified	6%	5%	5%
	White	35%	34%	32%
	Gender			
	Female	73%	73%	73%
	Male	27%	27%	27%
School-wide Enrollment (masters and doctoral students)	1107	1098	1138	
<b>Date of Last External Review</b>	2012 – Reviewed and accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)			

	<b>Average Tuition and Fees to Complete the Degree</b>			
		<b>AY 2015</b>	<b>AY 2016</b>	<b>AY 2017</b>
		Fall14, Spring 15, Summ15	Fall15, Spring 16, Summ16	Fall16, Spring 17, Summ17
<b>Average Tuition and Fees to Complete the Degree</b> We are required to start reporting this in September 2018. So, at that time we will need data for: AY 2016 AY 2017 AY 2018	<b>DrPH – Community Health Practice/Health Services Organization</b>	\$ 21,145.50	\$ 24,495.00	\$ 33,765.92
	<b>DrPH – Epidemiology and Disease Control</b>	\$ 21,928.67	\$ -	\$ 35,475.58
	<b>DrPH – Health Promotion/Health Education</b>	\$ 22,320.25	\$ 25,311.50	\$ 32,056.25
	<b>DrPH – Occupational and Environmental Health</b>	\$ 21,537.08	\$ -	\$ 32,911.08
	<b>PhD – Behavioral Sciences</b>	\$ 23,495.00	\$ 22,862.00	\$ 26,499.83
	<b>PhD – Biostatistics</b>	\$ 25,452.92	\$ 25,311.50	\$ 24,790.17
	<b>PhD – Environmental Sciences</b>	\$ 12,530.67	\$ 37,559.00	\$ 24,790.17
	<b>PhD – Epidemiology</b>	\$ 22,320.25	\$ 23,270.25	\$ 23,080.50
	<b>PhD – Management and Policy Sciences</b> -Health Economics/Health Services Research -Healthcare Management/Health Policy	\$ 23,495.00	\$ 28,169.25	\$ 36,330.42
	<b>OVERALL AVERAGE</b>	\$ 23,103.42	\$ 25,311.50	\$ 29,064.33
	<b>Students Passing Licensure Exams</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>		
<b>Student Publications/Presentations</b>	<i>Data not available – this data will be collected in biannual student evaluations moving forward.</i>			