



PhD in Health Promotion & Prevention Research

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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Promotion & Prevention Research

The Department of Health Behavior and Health Education offers a program of instruction leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Promotion and Prevention Research. The curriculum addresses a broad spectrum of behavioral, biological, and cultural processes associated with chronic and infectious disease. It provides training in research methodology supporting interdisciplinary efforts to understand and change behaviors associated with disparities in health status, access to health-relevant resources, and use of available services.

To Apply

Students are admitted only during the fall term of each academic year. Applicants must submit the following to the SOPHAS website by January 15 in order to be considered for admission in August. (<https://portal.sophas.org/>)

- An official transcript from each college or university previously attended. Courses must have been completed within five

years immediately preceding requested semester of admission.

- Official results of GRE taken within the five years immediately preceding the requested semester of admission
- Master's thesis or written report demonstrating a comparable level of research experience and in a manner consistent with publication in a peer-reviewed journal
- CV or resume
- Personal statement of interest (500-700 words)
- Three letters of recommendation
- For international applicants whose native language is not English and who do not have a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution, scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), taken within the last two years



- For applicants in the U.S. with non-resident alien status, documentation of an appropriate status from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Applicants must also complete the UAMS Graduate School application (<http://gradschool.uams.edu/pros-students/>).

Students work closely with mentors to gain understanding and practical experience through the application of a social-ecological perspective to public health problems. They have opportunities to design and implement interventions to effect behavior change, with emphasis on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention among rural, medically underserved and multicultural populations.

Mentored research experience may address various health behaviors (dietary habits, physical activity, sexual behavior, substance use, adherence to behavioral or medical treatment regimens). A strong emphasis on applied behavioral science and community-based research methods provides graduates with a solid foundation in the design and evaluation of public health initiatives and health services addressing health-relevant behaviors in individuals, organizations, and communities.

The curriculum requires a minimum of 66 semester credit hours and can be completed within a three-year period of full-time study. All students must complete their full program of study within seven years after passing a doctoral candidacy exam.

Curriculum Components

Behavioral Science

six-hour core / three-hour elective

Community Science

six-hour core / three-hour elective

Quantitative Methods

six-hour core / three-hour elective

Qualitative Methods

six-hour core

Applied Research Methods

30 hours

General Elective

three hours

Admission Requirements

The PhD program builds on basic core competencies in public health, behavioral science, and research methods developed through prior graduate studies. Competitive applicants will have

- MS or equivalent degree in a health-related field
- At least one graduate-level course in each of four key areas: a) health behavior and education, b) biostatistics, c) epidemiology, and d) research design.
- Minimum grade-point average of 2.70 or better on all undergraduate and graduate coursework previously attempted (A = 4.00).
- Scored at 50th percentile or better on the GRE.

For More Information

For further detail about the program or admission requirements, go to <http://publichealth.uams.edu/academics> or contact:

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Download the application and eligibility requirements at www.publichealth.uams.edu

About UAMS

UAMS is Arkansas' only academic health center and trains the majority of health care professionals in the state. Because UAMS Medical Center is a teaching hospital, the university stays at the forefront of knowledge and technology that benefit not only the citizens of Arkansas, but individuals from across the nation and world.

About Little Rock

Recently named by Kiplinger's Magazine as the most livable city with a population of 1 million or less, Little Rock is Arkansas' capital and a hub for commerce, health care and culture. Nestled between the Ouachita Mountains and the Arkansas River, the city has the amenities of a larger metro area, but with a relaxed pace. It offers many attractions including the Clinton Presidential Center and Central High (a landmark of the early Civil Rights Movement), as well as the 88-mile urban Arkansas River Trail System and nightlife in the vibrant River Market District.

Our Mission

The mission of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health is to improve the health and promote the well-being of individuals, families, and communities in Arkansas through education, research, and service.

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