

HEALTH SCIENCES (PH.D.) - HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Research Core Courses | | |
| HSCI 701 | Theories and Methods of Health Science Research | 3 |
| HSCI 702 | Health Sciences Scholarship and Literature | 3 |
| HSCI 703 | Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics I | 3 |
| HSCI 704 | Research Mentorship | 1 |
| HSCI 735 | Evidence Based Practices in Health Sciences | 3 |
| HSCI 810 | Advanced Literature Review | 3 |
| HSCI 815 | Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis | 3 |
| HSCI 820 | Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics II | 3 |
| HSCI 850 | Dissertation Mentorship | 2 |
| Total Hours | | 24 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Health Science Electives | | |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 6 |

¹ Choose from the following courses: EXSC 665, HSCI 705, or HSCI 720.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Healthcare Leadership Cognate | | |
| HSCI 710 | Healthcare Delivery Systems | 3 |
| HSCI 715 | Cultural Competency in Health Sciences | 3 |
| HSCI 725 | Leadership in Professional Practice | 3 |
| HSCI 730 | Risk Management in Health Sciences | 3 |
| HSCI 745 | Health Policy | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Dissertation Courses ¹ | | |
| HSCI 987 | Dissertation I | 5 |
| HSCI 988 | Dissertation II | 5 |
| HSCI 989 | Dissertation III ² | 5 |
| HSCI 990 | Dissertation IV | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

¹ Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

² Any student who is not ready for enrollment in HSCI 990 after completing HSCI 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat HSCI 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in HSCI 990.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than B- may be applied to the degree
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

| Course | Title | Hours |
|------------------------|---|--------------|
| First Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| HSCI 705 | Ethical Issues in Health Science | 3 |
| HSCI 710 | Healthcare Delivery Systems | 3 |
| HSCI 715 | Cultural Competency in Health Sciences | 3 |
| | | Hours |
| | | 9 |
| Second Semester | | |
| HSCI 720 | Principles and Theories of Teaching in the Health Professions | 3 |
| HSCI 725 | Leadership in Professional Practice | 3 |
| HSCI 730 | Risk Management in Health Sciences | 3 |
| | | Hours |
| | | 9 |
| Second Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| HSCI 810 | Advanced Literature Review | 3 |
| HSCI 815 | Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis | 3 |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| | | Hours |
| | | 9 |
| Second Semester | | |
| HSCI 735 | Evidence Based Practices in Health Sciences | 3 |
| HSCI 820 | Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics II | 3 |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| | | Hours |
| | | 9 |
| Third Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
| | | Hours |
| | | 9 |
| Second Semester | | |
| HSCI 987 | Dissertation I ² | 5 |
| | | Hours |
| | | 5 |

| Course | Title | Hours |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Fourth Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| HSCI 988 | Dissertation II | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |
| Second Semester | | |
| HSCI 989 | Dissertation III ³ | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |
| Fifth Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| HSCI 990 | Dissertation IV ³ | 0 |
| Hours | | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 60 |

¹ Choose a total of 15 credit hours from the following courses: Any 500-900 level course not already required by the degree.

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