

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HEALTH SCIENCES (PH.D.)

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- Professor and others depending on previously obtained certifications and license

## Purpose

The dissertation-based Doctor of Health Sciences program is designed to train students with a Christian worldview to become effective leaders, skilled researchers, and knowledgeable practitioners in health sciences. Students will learn advanced topics that can be applied to the broad expanse of health science positions within academic, research, healthcare, and/or health and human services settings.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Apply the Christian worldview to ethical issues and trends regarding healthcare services and research.
- Evaluate diverse populations with culturally appropriate attitudes toward health and illness.
- Conduct original research supported by the knowledge of the literature of the allied health sciences discipline, in order to discover new knowledge.

## Program Specific Admission Procedures

In addition to the general admission requirements, admission to the *Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences* program requires:

1. Earned master's or professional practice degree beyond a bachelor's from a regionally accredited institution (or foreign equivalent).
2. An graduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale)

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Students who have less than an undergraduate 2.75 GPA will not be admitted to the program.

## Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 30 hours from an accredited institution subject to department approval. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 7 years of the start date of the program. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

## Programs of Study

### Delivery Format: Online Only

- Health Sciences (Ph.D.) - Healthcare Leadership
- Health Sciences (Ph.D.) - Exercise & Sport Science
- Health Sciences (Ph.D.) - Trauma Informed Care

## Career Opportunities

- Healthcare administration
- Medical assistant
- Exercise physiologists
- Dietitian
- Public health worker
- Healthcare communications