

PUBLIC HEALTH (DR.PH.) - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. 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
Program Courses		
<i>Core Foundation Courses</i>		
PCHR 700	Introduction to the Foundations of Public Health ¹	0-2
PCHR 710	Program Planning and Implementation in Public Health	3
PCHR 712	Foundations of Public Health Leadership and Management	3
PCHR 714	Quantitative Research Methods in Public Health Practice ²	3
PCHR 716	Qualitative and Mixed Research Methods in Public Health Practice ²	3
PCHR 718	Public Health Policy , Advocacy, and Ethics	3
PCHR 720	Health Communications and Workforce Development	3
PCHR 722	Pedagogical Methods and Practice for Public Health Leaders and Practitioners	2
PCHR 724	Community Needs Assessment and Systems Analysis	3
<i>Gate Courses</i>		
PHGT 701	Doctor of Public Health Orientation	0
PHGT 702	Public Health Essay	0
PHGT 703	Public Health Portfolio	0
PHGT 704	Doctor of Public Health Competency Exam	0
<i>Seminar Courses</i>		
PCHR 792	Public Health Seminar I	1
PCHR 793	Public Health Seminar II	1
PCHR 794	Public Health Seminar III	1
<i>Practicum Course</i>		
PCHR 998	Doctor of Public Health Practicum	3
<i>Dissertation Courses</i>		
PCHR 987	Dissertation I	5
PCHR 988	Dissertation II	5
PCHR 989	Dissertation III	5
PCHR 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Total Hours		44-46

¹ PCHR 700 will only be taken by students from a non-CEPH accredited MPH program.

² PCHR 714 and PCHR 716 requires a graduate level Biostatistics and Research methods in Public Health course as a pre-requisite. HLTH 501 and HLTH 511 will meet this requirement, if needed.

Code	Title	Hours
Maternal and Child Health Cognate		
PCHR 810	Foundations of Maternal and Child Health	3
PCHR 812	Women and Children Health Policy	3
PCHR 814	Maternal and Child Nutrition	3
PCHR 816	Reproductive Health	3
Total Hours		12

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 56 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 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Residential Format Course Sequence

First Year		Hours
First Semester		
PCHR 700	Introduction to the Foundations of Public Health ¹	0-2
PCHR 710	Program Planning and Implementation in Public Health	3
PCHR 712	Foundations of Public Health Leadership and Management	3
PCHR 718	Public Health Policy , Advocacy, and Ethics	3
PHGT 701	Doctor of Public Health Orientation	0
Hours		9-11
Second Semester		
PCHR 714	Quantitative Research Methods in Public Health Practice ²	3
PCHR 716	Qualitative and Mixed Research Methods in Public Health Practice ²	3
PCHR 792	Public Health Seminar I	1
PCHR 810	Foundations of Maternal and Child Health	3
Hours		10
Second Year		
Third Semester		
PCHR 720	Health Communications and Workforce Development	3
PCHR 722	Pedagogical Methods and Practice for Public Health Leaders and Practitioners	2
PCHR 724	Community Needs Assessment and Systems Analysis	3
PCHR 793	Public Health Seminar II	1
PCHR 812	Women and Children Health Policy	3
PHGT 702	Public Health Essay	0
Hours		12

Fourth Semester

PCHR 794	Public Health Seminar III	1
PCHR 814	Maternal and Child Nutrition	3
PCHR 816	Reproductive Health	3
PCHR 987	Dissertation I	5
PHGT 703	Public Health Portfolio	0
PHGT 704	Doctor of Public Health Competency Exam	0
Hours		12

Third Year**Fifth Semester**

PCHR 988	Dissertation II	5
PCHR 998	Doctor of Public Health Practicum	3
Hours		8

Sixth Semester

PCHR 989	Dissertation III	5
PCHR 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Hours		5
Total Hours		56-58

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