

**The Ph.D. in Health Education Course of Study
(96 hours post baccalaureate)**

Health Education Core (Required if not completed by Master's Degree)

HLTH 609	Applied Epidemiology	3
HLTH 611	Organization and Administration of Health Programs	3
HLTH 630	Health Program Planning	3
HLTH 632	Health Program Evaluation	3
HLTH 639	Behavioral Foundations of Health Education	3
HLTH 649	Advanced Health Behavior Theory	3
HLTH 659	Writing for Health Educators	3
HLTH 669	Professional Skills	3
	Total Hours	24

Statistics/Research Requirement

HLTH 605	Health Research Methods	3
EPSY 640	Experimental Design in Education I	3
EPSY 641	Experimental Design in Education I	3
EPSY 643	Applied Multivariate Methods	3
STAT ???	TBD by Graduate Advisory Committee Chair and/or Committee	3
	Total Hours	15

Teaching Internship

HLTH 684	Teaching Internship	3
	Total Hours	3

Directed Electives

HLTH ???	TBD by Graduate Advisory Committee Chair and/or Committee	30
Electives	Non-HLTH TBD by Graduate Advisory Committee Chair	9
	Total Hours	39

Dissertation

HLTH 691	Research (15 hours minimum)	15
	Total Hours	15

Research Experience Requirement

Prior to scheduling the dissertation proposal meeting, each student will: (a) have presented, as sole or first author, at least one presentation at a state, regional, or national conference; and (b) will be an author on at least one research paper submitted to a peer-reviewed national or international journal. In addition, dissertations will not be signed by the department head until the student has submitted as first author a manuscript (or manuscripts) of the study to a national or international refereed journal (or journals).

Minimum Hour Requirement

The PhD requires a minimum of 67 hours beyond a master's or 96 hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. Depending on the preparation and experience, doctoral students may be required to complete undergraduate or graduate leveling work in addition to the minimum PhD requirements.

Examinations

Ph.D. students at Texas A&M University are required to complete the [Preliminary Examination](#). Upon completion of the dissertation, students are expected to defend their work in a [Final Examination](#) before their Graduate Advisory Committee.

Dissertation

Ph.D. students at Texas A&M University are required to complete a dissertation on a topic relevant to health education. Students work with their Graduate Advisory Committee during all phases of the dissertation. Upon completion, students must successfully, orally defend their research before their Graduate Advisory Committee. In the Department of Health & Kinesiology at Texas A&M University, the student may choose from two formats for the dissertation:

1. A 5-chapter, traditional format
2. A journal-article format

All doctoral students in the Health Education program at Texas A&M University are required to complete a set of research and statistics courses. The exact coursework required in this area is determined by the student in concert with the Chair of his or her Graduate Advisory Committee and based on individual career goals and personal research agenda. The *Statistics and Research Requirement* is a minimum of 15 hours with HLTH 605 required of all Ph.D. and Ed.D. students. Other courses suggested to fulfill the Statistics / Research requirement are listed below.

Course Title	Course Description	
	Total Hours Required	15
<i>Required: (3)</i>		
HLTH 605	Health Research Methods	3
<i>Recommended Electives: (12)</i>		
	(At least one course in qualitative methods)	
EPSY 640	Experimental Design in Education I (does not count in 15 hour requirement)	3
EPSY 641	Experimental Design in Education II	3
EPSY 643	Applied Multivariate Methods	3
EPSY 690	Theory of Non-Parametric Statistics	3
EHRD 655	Qualitative Research Methods	3
Statistics Elective	To be determined by the students Graduate Advisory Committee Chair and/or Committee	3