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About Program

The Ph.D. in Health Science is a post-professional, distance-based research doctoral program designed for clinical health professionals, public health practitioners, and senior-level healthcare administrators. The focus of the program is to educate and graduate practitioners with the skills and knowledge to conduct research in a complex society and environment while focusing globally within the framework of health policy.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science (Ph.D.) is designed to:

- Provide a means of Ph.D. completion for working health-care professionals currently at the Masters and Professional Doctorate levels.
- Increase opportunities for medical practitioners to earn a terminal degree in the field of health science with a core focus in research.
- Prepare graduates to function both independently and interdependently within the clinical and non-clinical research environment.

The Ph.D. in Health Science program challenges the student to examine the current state of health care; apply sophisticated knowledge of research design, biostatistics, and epidemiology to the literature of their core discipline; and initiate the design and follow up mechanisms for research in healthcare. Its professor-driven, student-centered, online course delivery is coupled with a research practicum, a minimum of two one-week on-campus institutes, a comprehensive examination, and a dissertation with oral defense.