

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES, PH.D.

Degree Requirements

Eighteen credit hours of coursework from 7000-level courses (six from required courses, twelve from electives), candidacy examination and thesis. In addition, twelve credit hours of prerequisite courses, or their equivalents, must have been completed before entering the program or must be taken during the first year in the PhD program.

Expected Time to Graduate: 4 years full-time, 6 years part-time

Progression Chart

Admitted With an MSc in Community Health Sciences

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
CHSC 8600	Senior seminar in Community Health Sciences	3
Select one of the following:		3
CHSC 7540	Advanced Epidemiology	
CHSC 7740	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Community Health Sciences	
CHSC 7830	Advanced Biostatistics for Community Health Sciences	
CHSC 7XXX	Four Approved Elective Courses designated as 7000 level offered by Community Health Sciences ¹	12
Hours		18
Year 2		
GRAD 8010	Doctoral Candidacy Examination	0
GRAD 8000	Doctoral Thesis (Proposal Work / Proposal Defense, Research)	0
Hours		0
Years 3-4		
GRAD 8000	Doctoral Thesis (Thesis Research continued, Write up and Defense)	0
Hours		0
Total Hours		18

¹ On the recommendation of the student's advisor and on the approval of the Director of Community Health Sciences graduate program elective courses may be taken in other departments.

Admitted Without an MSc in Community Health Sciences

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Required		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
Prerequisites		

The following courses may count toward the PhD requirement of 12 electives credit hours:¹

CHSC 7520	Principles of Epidemiology
CHSC 7860	Methods and Concepts for Community Health Sciences
Select one of the following:	
CHSC 7300	Health Policy and Planning
CHSC 7320	Organization and Financing of the Canadian Health Care System
Select one of the following:	
CHSC 7820	Biostatistics for Community Health Sciences ²
CHSC 7810	Biostatistics for the Health and Human Sciences
CHSC 7738	Qualitative Research Methods in Community Health Sciences

Formal Course Requirements

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¹ The following courses are considered prerequisites to the PhD program which may or may not be required, depending on the student's background, Master's degree and training. These courses *may* count toward the PhD requirement of 12 electives credit hours.

² Since an undergraduate level course in Statistics is a pre-requisite for CHSC 7820, all students must have completed such a course at time of admission, or will be required to take additional statistical training if they intend to complete CHSC 7820.

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Total Credit Hours: 18 – 24 as standard; up to 12 credit hours as auxiliary which in some instances may represent the necessary prerequisites.