

Joint Ph.D. M.P.H. Degree

Department of Applied Behavioral Science and Department of Preventive Medicine

Offered by the Department of Applied Behavioral Science (Lawrence) and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health (KU Medical Center, Kansas City and Wichita). This joint program is the first in the nation to combine the strengths of advanced study in applied behavioral science with a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree. It results from a unique collaboration between two units: the Department of Applied Behavioral Science, offering a Ph.D. in Behavioral Psychology; and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, with its M.P.H. program.

Coursework:

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*Required Courses (19 credit hours; may apply to ABSC research skill)

PRVM 800 Principles of Epidemiology (3)

PRVM 818 Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health Practice (3)

PRVM 827 Public Health Administration (3)

PRVM 830 Environmental Health (3)

PRVM 802 Epidemiology Laboratory (1)

PRVM 875 Management of Public Health Data (3)

BIOS 714 Fundamentals of Biostatistics I (3) or

BIOS 704 Principles of Statistics in Public Health (3)

*Elective Courses (17 credit hours; may include required or recommended courses: ABSC 710, 735, 796, 807, 861, 875, 876)

*Capstone Requirement (6 credit hours). Required Practicum: Supervised work in public health setting (PRVM 891 and PRVM 893)

Ph.D. Degree Requirements

***Required Courses (26 credit hours; may count as elective courses for MPH program)**

ABSC 710 Community Health and Development (Research Methods II)

ABSC 796 Laboratory in Behavioral Development

ABSC 861 Applied Behavioral Analysis

ABSC 735 Within-Subjects Research Methodology

ABSC 841 Legal, Ethical, & Professional Issues

ABSC 798 Conceptual Foundations

ABSC 961 Advanced Seminar in Applied Behavior Analysis

ABSC 875 Practicum in Community Health Promotion

ABSC 876 Practicum in Community Development

ABSC 821 or 831 Principles of Behavior or Conceptual Foundations II

Non-Coursework Requirements for the Ph.D. in Behavioral Psychology:

Students are required to complete all non-course requirements of the Ph.D. degree, as outlined in the rest of this *Handbook*. These requirements include (but may not be limited to):

- Master's Thesis (ABSC 899)
- Proseminar Presentations (2)
- Written and Oral Comprehensive Exam
- Residency Requirement (2 semesters)
- Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship Requirement
- Editorial critiques (3 manuscript reviews)
- Teaching Requirement
- Ph.D. Dissertation and Oral Defense (ABSC 999) (empirical or experimental study; typically with outside committee member from KUMC Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health)
- [NOTE: Many students use relevant ABS required courses (e.g., ABSC 710, 735, 796, 861, 961) to meet the 14 hrs. of Elective courses for the MPH degree. With approval from the MPH advisor, students may also be able to help meet the MPH Capstone Requirement with Practicum work/courses in ABS (e.g., ABSC 875).]

APPENDIX C



JOINT PH.D.-M.P.H. REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements:**Preliminary Requirements (after which you are awarded a Master's degree in ABS):**

For the Ph.D. in Behavioral Psychology, students are recommended to take their first two years of courses in the following order (see the ABS Graduate Student Handbook for more complete descriptions of the requirements and courses):

(Please see your advisor in the M.P.H. program for guidance as to additional requirements for the M.P.H. degree).

Year 1:**Date Completed****Fall:**

- Principles of Behavior I (3 credit hrs) _____
 - ABS 796 Laboratory in Behavioral Development and Modification _____
- Research Methods II (3 credit hrs) _____
 - ABS 710 Community Health and Development _____
- Legal/Ethical Issues (3 credit hrs) _____
 - ABS 841 Legal, Ethical & Professional Issues in Applied Behavioral Science _____

Spring:

- Applied Behavior Analysis I (3 credit hrs) _____
 - ABS 861 Applied Behavior Analysis _____
- Conceptual Foundations I (3 credit hrs) _____
 - ABS 798 The Analysis of Behavior II: Conceptual Foundations, Advanced Principles, and Contemporary Issues _____
- Research or Intervention Practicum (3 credit hrs) _____
 - ABS 875 Practicum in Community Health Promotion _____

Year 2:	Date Completed
Fall:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Methods I (3 credit hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ABS 735 Within-Subjects Research Methodology and Direct Observation 	_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research or Intervention Practicum (3 credit hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consult with your advisor on the most appropriate class 	_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis Hours (3 credit hrs) 	_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.P.H. Required Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consult with your M.P.H. Advisor 	_____
Spring:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis defense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This may be done before you have completed all coursework 	_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.P.H. Required Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consult with your M.P.H. Advisor 	_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proseminar presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This may be done before you begin collecting thesis data 	_____

Post-Master's Requirements Course Requirements

In addition to completing the requirements for the Master's degree (page 1), students are required to take one course from each of the categories below. These courses may be taken in any order and may be taken before defending the Master's thesis.

	Date Completed
5. Principles of Behavior II or Conceptual Foundations II (3 credit hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any of the following courses meet this requirement: ABSC 821, 921, 931, 935, 951 	_____
6. Research Methods II (3 credit hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We recommend this community health course to meet this Requirement: ABSC 710 Community Health and Development 	_____
7. Applied Behavior Analysis II (3 credit hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We recommend this community health course to meet this requirement: ABSC 961 Application of Applied Behavior Analysis in Community Health and Development 	_____
8. Research or Intervention Practicum II (3 credit hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ABS 875 Practicum in Community Health Promotion 	_____

To earn the Ph.D. that is accredited by the Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA), students are required to take one of the **bolded** courses in each of categories 1-4 (above), and are required to take ABS 921 (in addition to one of the other bolded courses listed in category 1).

The courses that have been pre-approved by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) for taking its national exam are in **bold italics**. Students wishing to take that exam for the *Certified Behavior Analyst* credential are strongly encouraged to take these classes.

Students completing the joint Ph.D-M.P.H. degree program should consult with their advisor about which courses are required.

See the *ABS Graduate Student Handbook* for more complete descriptions of the requirements and courses.

ABS Requirements:

Written & Oral Comprehensive Exam

Three Editorial Critiques: Students are required to write three journal-style reviews of published or unpublished empirical manuscripts. See the ABS Graduate Student Handbook for a complete description of this requirement. Students should begin working on these as soon as they have defended their Master's thesis.

Proseminar Requirement:

Teaching Requirement:
Date Completed

 Option A

OR

 Option B

Dissertation Oral Defense

Typically, the outside committee member is from the KUMC Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. See ABS Graduate Student Handbook and your advisor for details.

Additional Graduate School Requirements:
Date Completed

Residency Requirement: You must be enrolled and on campus for at least 2 semesters to fulfill this requirement.

RS&RS Requirement: The ABS graduate student handbook outlines all of the ways you can meet the Research Skills and Responsible Scholarship requirements. Also, see your advisor.

NOTE: See your advisor in the M.P.H. Program for guidance as to additional requirements for the M.P.H. degree.