

Doctor of Public Health, Minor in Health Ministry (Faith-Based)

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 Years

Total Credit Hours: 105

Program Description

The Doctor of Public Health with a Minor in Health Ministry is a terminal program focused on developing advanced expertise, ethical leadership, and field-specific innovation. Students are immersed in an interdisciplinary curriculum tailored for high-impact work in their specialization.

The program blends scholarly research, practical application, and critical analysis. Students will navigate complex policy, organizational dynamics, or technological change as it relates to their field. The Minor in Health Ministry enriches students with a faith-based foundation to promote responsible leadership and social engagement.

Graduates will be equipped to make contributions as educators, advisors, innovators, and advocates within their domains, advancing both institutional goals and societal well-being.

Admissions Requirements

- Master's degree in Biblical Studies, Theology, Divinity, or related field
- GPA of 3.5 or higher in graduate-level coursework
- Minimum of 3 years of ministry or teaching experience
- Statement of Purpose (1,000–1,500 words)
- Three letters of recommendation (academic, pastoral, professional)
- Curriculum Vitae or résumé
- Interview with doctoral program director

Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

| Course Code | Course Name | Credit Hours |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| FND 800 | Quantitative Analysis for Health | 3 |
| FND 801 | Global Issues in Health | 3 |
| FND 802 | Cultural Competency in Health | 3 |
| FND 803 | Capstone Project in Health | 3 |
| FND 804 | Innovation and Technology in Health | 3 |
| FND 805 | Leadership in Health | 3 |
| FND 806 | Ethical Frameworks in Health | 3 |

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| FND 807 | Community Engagement in Health | 3 |
| FND 808 | Advanced Theories in Health | 3 |
| FND 809 | Policy and Practice in Health | 3 |

Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

| Course Code | Course Name | Credit Hours |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| COR 800 | Policy and Practice in Health | 3 |
| COR 801 | Cultural Competency in Health | 3 |
| COR 802 | Quantitative Analysis for Health | 3 |
| COR 803 | Community Engagement in Health | 3 |
| COR 804 | Advanced Theories in Health | 3 |
| COR 805 | Leadership in Health | 3 |
| COR 806 | Capstone Project in Health | 3 |
| COR 807 | Innovation and Technology in Health | 3 |

Minor Courses (15 Credit Hours)

| Course Code | Course Name | Credit Hours |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| MIN 800 | Ethical Frameworks in Minor in Health Ministry | 3 |
| MIN 801 | Cultural Competency in Minor in Health Ministry | 3 |
| MIN 802 | Advanced Theories in Minor in Health Ministry | 3 |
| MIN 803 | Community Engagement in Minor in Health Ministry | 3 |
| MIN 804 | Capstone Project in Minor in Health Ministry | 3 |

Additional Elective Courses (Not Included in Total Credits)

| Course Code | Course Name | Credit Hours |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| ELE 800 | Global Issues in Health | 3 |
| ELE 801 | Community Engagement in Health | 3 |
| ELE 802 | Capstone Project in Health | 3 |
| ELE 803 | Ethical Frameworks in Health | 3 |
| ELE 804 | Advanced Theories in Health | 3 |

Practicum Experience

Students in the Doctor of Public Health program will complete a supervised practicum aligned with their area of study. Each practicum reinforces leadership, community engagement, or systems-based thinking.

Practicum Requirements:

- 600 hours of supervised field work
- A comprehensive practicum report or portfolio
- A reflective analysis connecting theory to practice
- Final presentation to faculty and peers

Doctoral Dissertation Requirements

The doctoral dissertation for the Doctor of Public Health involves an original, field-specific research project contributing to theory or practice. The dissertation must demonstrate rigorous inquiry and offer actionable or theoretical value in alignment with the Minor in Health Ministry.

Requirements:

- Research proposal approved by faculty committee
- Literature review with annotated sources
- Methodology and data collection
- 100+ page manuscript with implications for the discipline
- Oral defense presentation

Program Outcomes

- Lead initiatives in doctor of public health settings
- Apply faith-based ethical frameworks to leadership and decision-making
- Conduct advanced research and evaluation
- Influence policy, education, or ministry based on evidence
- Mentor others in both academic and practical environments

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

| Career Path | Average Salary (Annual) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Doctor of Public Health Consultant | \$90,000 – \$150,000 |
| Doctor of Public Health Professor | \$80,000 – \$140,000 |
| Doctor of Public Health Director | \$95,000 – \$160,000 |
| Doctor of Public Health Strategist | \$85,000 – \$145,000 |
| Doctor of Public Health Researcher | \$75,000 – \$135,000 |

Dissertation Outline

| # | Section | Details |
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| 1 | Introduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define the scope, research question, and purpose of study |

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| 2 | Literature Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze current and past research relevant to your specialization |
| 3 | Methodology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe your research design, tools, and procedures |
| 4 | Results | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present data collected from your research efforts |
| 5 | Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret findings and connect to the larger context |
| 6 | Conclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize outcomes and propose next steps or further research |
| 7 | References and Appendices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include citations and supplemental materials |