

Doctoral Program in Public Affairs Health Services Management and Research Track

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Doctoral Program in Public Affairs and the Department of Health Management and Informatics offer graduate teaching assistantships (GTAs), including tuition waivers.

GTAs in the department receive mentoring from faculty experts in education design and delivery. The department also provides graduate research assistantships (GRAs) when available. In addition, UCF offers scholarships and fellowships, including the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT UCF

UCF's Doctoral Program in Public Affairs offers an interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Public Affairs with four tracks — social work, criminal justice, health services management and research, and public administration. The program has a community-based focus with an emphasis on collaborative relationships across the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Social problems are difficult to comprehend as they encompass individual, relational, community and societal factors. An interdisciplinary approach to these problems provides an avenue to better understand this complexity and leads to innovative responses that transcend any one discipline or field of practice.

A Natural Fit with Health Services Management and Research (HSMR)

The program is a natural fit with the health services management discipline as it focuses on community collaboration, engagement and transformation within a social justice and health disparity context. Thus, a starting point for scholarly work includes inquiry into the sources and indicators of inequality.

Curriculum

The program includes 60-credit hours beyond the master's degree, with course work in social inquiry, public policy, program evaluation and research methods. The HSMR Track consists of nine-credit hours on theory building, health economics and research.

Careers

Public affairs graduates secure positions in academia, healthcare organizations and governmental agencies. In doing so, they continue their commitment to making a difference in the world.

HSMR TRACK FACULTY RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Quantitative / qualitative research
- Mixed-methods research
- Outcome evaluation
- Aging and long-term care
- Health disparities
- Cancer prevention and early detection
- HIV / AIDS behavioral research
- Mental health and substance abuse
- Health policy
- Health finance / health economics
- Healthcare informatics and technology
- Health literacy
- Scholarship of teaching and learning

HSMR Track Alumni:

"The doctoral program in public affairs adequately equipped me with a diverse skillset. The mentorship I received has been invaluable." (Tina Yeung, Clinical Assistant Professor at Florida International University)

"Going through the program taught me how to approach research from other disciplines... I'm a more well-rounded scholar and feel more confident in collaborating with colleagues." (Yara Asi, Lecturer at UCF in the Department of Health Management and Informatics)