

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THE FIELD OF TRANSLATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Graduates of the PhD program in translational health sciences generate, implement, and disseminate evidence to improve health and healthcare. They work across organizational barriers to engage a range of stakeholders—including scientists, policymakers, and consumers—in identifying, designing, and testing innovations in everyday healthcare practice and education. The program prepares change leaders in three areas: professional healthcare education, healthcare practice, and translational research. It is targeted primarily toward licensed health practitioners, educators, healthcare administrators, and public health professionals who are interested in affecting positive change in human health.

The program requires 54 credits beyond a master’s degree, successful completion of two comprehensive examinations, a proposal defense, and a defended dissertation. The curriculum is low residency, with facilitated learning activities delivered online and on-campus (two weekends per semester) at the Virginia Science and Technology Campus in Ashburn, Virginia.

Visit the program website (<https://ths.smhs.gwu.edu/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

Admissions Fall - December 4

Deadlines:

Standardized Not required

Test Scores:

Recommendations (2) recommendation required:

Prior Academic Records: Transcripts required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes.

If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English language translation must be provided in addition to the original transcripts; translations alone will not be accepted.

Official transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grades, U.S. degree equivalency, grade-point averages (GPA), and date of degree conferral. Please see the list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services.

Statement of Purpose: Please include an essay of approximately 1,000 words describing your reasons for undertaking study at the George Washington University, your academic objectives, potential dissertation topic, career goals, and related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, relevant to your program of interest. Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form.

Additional Requirement: -A graduate degree or entry-level professional doctorate in a biomedical science or health-related field from an accredited institution

-Prerequisite courses: 3 semester units each of graduate-level epidemiology and biostatistics

-Evidence of academic preparation in basic research methods and statistics

-Evidence of health-related practice, leadership, or research

International Applicants: PLEASE NOTE that the Health Sciences programs require the following minimum English language test scores for admission:

-Academic IETLS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0; or

-TOEFL: 600 on paper-based or 100 on Internet-based; or

Academic PTE: 68

**Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:**

George Washington University  
ATTN: Transcript Processing Center  
8300 Norman Center Dr  
Suite 400  
Bloomington, MN 55437

Alternatively, official electronic transcripts can be sent to [transcripts@hsprograms.gwu.edu](mailto:transcripts@hsprograms.gwu.edu).

**Contact for questions:**

[hsphora@gwu.edu](mailto:hsphora@gwu.edu)  
202-994-0384 (phone)  
202-994-0870 (fax)  
Hours: 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 54 credits, successful completion of three comprehensive examinations, a proposal defense, and a defended dissertation.

Code	Title	Credits	THS 8127	Systematic Reviews of Healthcare Innovations
<b>Required Courses</b>			THS 8214	Information Literacy for Health Professionals
THS 8101	Foundations in Translational Health Sciences		THS 8227	Survey Methods for Translational Health Sciences
THS 8103	Principles of Collaboration and Team Science			
THS 8105	Translational Health Sciences in Complex Health Systems			
THS 8107	Program Theory and Health Innovations			
THS 8109	Implementation Science and Innovation Leadership			
THS 8121	Advanced Study Design for Translational Research			
THS 8123	Qualitative Methods in Translational Health Sciences			
THS 8125	Advanced Statistical Methods for Clinical and Translational Research			
THS 8202	Knowledge Translation in Complex Health Systems			
THS 8203	Bioethical Implications of Health Research			
THS 8206	Translating Literature for Interdisciplinary Scholarship			
THS 8221	Mixed Methods Research in Translational Health Sciences			
THS 8961	Proposal Defense Preparation			
THS 8996	Dissertation Seminar I			
THS 8997	Dissertation Seminar II			
THS 8998	Dissertation Seminar III			
<b>Electives</b>				
6 credits in elective courses selected from the following:				
CRA 6205	Clinical Investigation			
HSCI 6265	Grantsmanship in Translational Research			
HSCI 6297	Independent Study for Health Professionals			
OT 8215	Quality Improvement through Translational Practices			
OT 8220	Measurement of Human Function and Learning			