

HEALTH SCIENCES (PH.D.) - HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Research Core Courses		
HSCI 701	Theories and Methods of Health Science Research	3
HSCI 702	Health Sciences Scholarship and Literature	3
HSCI 703	Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics I	3
HSCI 704	Research Mentorship	1
HSCI 705	Ethical Issues in Health Science	3
HSCI 810	Advanced Literature Review	3
HSCI 815	Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis	3
HSCI 820	Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics II	3
HSCI 850	Dissertation Mentorship	2
Total Hours		24

Code	Title	Hours
Health Science Electives		
Elective ¹		3
Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		6

¹ Choose from the following courses: EXSC 665, HSCI 720, or HSCI 730.

Code	Title	Hours
Healthcare Leadership Cognate		
HSCI 710	Healthcare Delivery Systems	3
HSCI 715	Cultural Competency in Health Sciences	3
HSCI 725	Leadership in Professional Practice	3
HSCI 735	Evidence Based Practices in Health Sciences	3
HSCI 745	Health Policy	3
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Courses ¹		
HSCI 987	Dissertation I	5
HSCI 988	Dissertation II	5
HSCI 989	Dissertation III ²	5
HSCI 990	Dissertation IV	0
Total Hours		15

¹ Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

² Any student who is not ready for enrollment in HSCI 990 after completing HSCI 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat HSCI 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in HSCI 990.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than B- may be applied to the degree
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
HSCI 705	Ethical Issues in Health Science	3
HSCI 710	Healthcare Delivery Systems	3
HSCI 715	Cultural Competency in Health Sciences	3
Hours		9

Second Semester		
HSCI 720	Principles and Theories of Teaching in the Health Professions	3
HSCI 725	Leadership in Professional Practice	3
HSCI 730	Risk Management in Health Sciences	3
Hours		9

Second Year		
First Semester		
HSCI 810	Advanced Literature Review	3
HSCI 815	Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis	3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		9

Second Semester		
HSCI 735	Evidence Based Practices in Health Sciences	3
HSCI 820	Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics II	3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		9

Third Year		
First Semester		
Elective ¹		3
Elective ¹		3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		9

Second Semester		
HSCI 987	Dissertation I ²	5
Hours		5

Course	Title	Hours
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
HSCI 988	Dissertation II	5
Hours		5
Second Semester		
HSCI 989	Dissertation III ³	5
Hours		5
Fifth Year		
First Semester		
HSCI 990	Dissertation IV ³	0
Hours		0
Total Hours		60

¹ Choose a total of 15 credit hours from the following courses: Any 500-900 level course not already required by the degree.

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