

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE

The Doctor of Public Health is a fully online, 45-credit program at the University of Vermont, Larner College of Medicine. The program prepares students to lead in all aspects of public health- academics, policy, and public health practice. The Doctor of Public Health provides the skills to conduct research, translate science into practice, communicate with a variety of audiences, and advocate for change. With part-time and full-time options, there is flexibility in degree completion.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Dr.P.H. degree requires 45 graduate credits including 30 credits of core courses (10 courses), 6 elective credits (2 courses), and a require Leadership and Practice Dissertation (The Landscape Project) of 9 credits. Students will need to maintain a 3.00 grade point average in order to complete the program.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

The program requires a comprehensive assessment of students' understanding of public health and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge learned through the program of study. This requirement is fulfilled by the Dr.P.H. Leadership and Practice Dissertation – the Landscape Project. This experience includes the Applied Practice Experience (APE) and the Integrative Learning Experience (ILE), each with specific objectives and competencies measured by faculty assessment.

The APE is assessed by the faculty and the site preceptor at the agency or organization where the student experience takes place. The ILE includes faculty and mentor evaluations. Course faculty determine whether a student's overall Leadership and Practice Dissertation meets objectives and requirements, and achieves a passing grade.