

PhD in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Program Handbook

Welcome

The Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (IHS) is an innovative approach to healthcare research and is ~~in response~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~demand~~ ~~from~~ ~~federal~~ ~~funding~~ ~~agencies~~ (e.g., National Institutes of Health (NIH), ~~Patient~~ ~~Centered~~ ~~Outcomes~~ ~~Research~~ ~~Institute~~ (PCORI), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to have an interdisciplinary research approach to complex healthcare problems. Current discipline-specific Ph.D. programs in health sciences are not adequately preparing graduates to identify and utilize the expertise of other disciplines in synergistic collaborations that are best able to handle these complex problems. Because the demand for an interdisciplinary approach

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- x [Academic Integrity](#)
- x [Activation for Military Service](#)
- x [Change of Address](#)
- x [FERPA/Privacy Rights](#)
- x [Health Insurance Mandatory](#)
- x [Jean Clery Campus Safety and Security Report](#)
- x [Proof of Immunization](#)
- x [Policies and Procedures on the Protection of Research Subjects](#)
- x [Rebelmail Policy](#)
- x [Student Conduct Code](#)
- x [Student Computer Use Policy](#)
- x [Title IX](#)

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inquiry. These aims will be achieved through the successful completion of two serially occurring tasks: a written review followed by an oral examination.

Literature Review:

topically guided by the committee. The student should meet with a committee member (excluding the Graduate College Representative) prior to the submission of the literature review. This will provide the student with a framework for expected content to be included in the literature review. Typical literature reviews contain 10,000-15,000 words, not including works cited. Figures and tables should be included in the appendix. Margins, font, spacing, and reference/citation format can be determined by the student and their primary advisor.

Oral Examination: The format of the oral examination will include: 1) A brief presentation of approximately 30 minutes of the findings from the literature review, and 2) 1 hour of intense questioning by committee during and after the presentation on all relevant topics from the literature review.

Procedures:

1) Candidates will submit their literature review to the Advisory Committee. It is suggested this is done 3 weeks before the anticipated oral defense. The Advisory Committee will review the literature review within two weeks of submission and has the right to return it for revision.

” If the Advisory Committee finds the first submission unsatisfactory, the student will be placed on probation via the Graduate College process

” If after a second submission (revision) the Advisory Committee finds the product unsatisfactory, the Program Director, on behalf of the Executive Governing Committee, will make a recommendation to the Graduate College for the student to be separated from the program.

” If the literature review is deemed satisfactory then the oral defense date is confirmed. Please note that this step does not connote a pass of the comprehensive examination and is only approval to proceed to the defense.

2) The Advisory Committee will serve as the evaluating body to determine the outcome of the comprehensive examination (literature review and oral defense).

” The oral defense will be held on the same day as the literature review submission. The oral defense will be held on the same day as the literature review submission.

The Advisory Committee will serve as the evaluating body to determine the outcome of the dissertation prospectus. Outcomes in

Pass: student Advanced Candidacy

Fail: student is advised of status and that the prospectus must be repeated.

Handbook Information

| Last revised | Revised by | Department Vote Tally: Yes/No/Abs. (date of vote) | Changes summary |
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| March 28, 2023 | S.J. Madsen IHS Graduate Faculty | 19/5/0 (02/17/2023) | Update EGC membership and admission requirements |
| February 7, 2024 | S.J. Madsen & IHS Graduate Faculty | 12/0/2 (02/28/24) | Inclusion of Medical Physics Subplan Clarification of verbiage concerning BS vs MS admitted students Incorporation of curriculum revision |