

DrPH Guidebook



Welcome to the DrPH Program at the College of Public Health!



Navigating your DrPH experience can be challenging at times. This guide walks you through the basic steps from your first semester to graduation. We hope you take time to experience the academic events and life offered at the College of Public Health and the University of South Florida.

Admission information can be found on our [Graduate Admissions page](#).

The DrPH is granted in recognition of high attainment in a specific field of knowledge. It is a practice degree and is not conferred solely upon the earning of credit, the completion of courses, or the acquiring of a number of terms of residency, but also the successful completion of scholarly work.

The degree will be granted after the student has shown proficiency and distinctive achievement in a specified field, has demonstrated the ability to do original, independent investigation, and has presented these findings with a high degree of literary skill in a doctoral project. A major professor will be appointed at the end of your first year in the program.

The University of South Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS). The College of Public Health degree programs are accredited by the Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH).

Steps to Success

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- Learn about [Registration](#) and where to find [course information](#)
- Know [deadlines](#) and where to find [Program of Study](#), [forms](#), and [frequently asked questions](#)
- Keep your degree on track and in good standing:
 - Keep your degree status active (see continuous enrollment in [Enrollment Requirements](#))
 - Know your degree [time limitations](#)
 - Maintain a 3.0 or better Grade Point Average (GPA) or you will be put on probation
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- Learn about [Student Organizations](#)
- Use your [COPH Competencies Database record](#) to update your competencies each term—the competencies are due at [graduation](#)
- Meet with your advisor the term before you graduate and review your status
- Early during the semester you plan to graduate you should register for [graduation](#)
- Participate in the COPH graduation celebration, the USF Health graduation ceremony, and join our USF and COPH alumni communities

Getting Assistance

Doctoral Affairs is here to help. You can reach LaTonya Davis at 813-974-9564 or Chassity White at 813-974-5723. Via email, please contact copdoctoral@health.usf.edu. We are located at the College of Public Health in the Office of Research & Administration.

All DrPH forms can be submitted to cophdoctoral@health.usf.edu.

For Admissions, please go to our [Prospective Students](#) page to request an appointment with an advisor, or contact preadmissions@health.usf.edu.

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