PhD Community and Family Health

**Concentration:** Community & Family Health (CFH)  
**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
**Delivery:** Traditional

The educational mission of the Community & Family Health concentration is to prepare public health professionals who can meet the challenge of improving the health status of the family and the overall community. Programs offered focus on: (1) the analysis of the health status and needs of a population including social, behavioral and demographic factors and characteristics; (2) health promotion and education; (3) client and community-based intervention strategies; (4) development and evaluation of community and family health programs. This program and its faculty provide students with excellent research opportunities in domestic or international arenas through basic and applied research; conducting innovative community-based demonstration programs; providing consultation and technical assistance to agencies and communities; and providing continuing education programs.

The curriculum is a cooperative, learning, research, problem-solving endeavor in which students and faculty contribute interdependently to pursuits essential to the health of human society. The educational process requires active participation and self-direction by the student in pursuit of a type of scholarship and intellectual discipline that remains for life. Scholarship implies the application of a body of knowledge, intellectual curiosity, vision, insight, critical thinking, imagination, analysis and synthesis for the advancement of society.

A graduate from the PhD program will be able to:

- Contribute to the improvement of the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities through intra- and interdisciplinary effort;
- Implement change within the community and public health;
- Conduct basic and applied research in identification, prevention and evaluation of public health problems;
- Teach in University settings; and
- Assume leadership roles at the local, state, national and international levels.

**Program of Study**

If you have questions on your program, please contact the Doctoral Training Office at cophdoctoral@usf.edu.

If you are a current student, you may view your current progress in Archivum at usf.appiancloud.com/. (See Archivum instructions.)

If you are not a current student, or want to view program requirements from a different catalog year please use these sources:

- 2020/21 USF catalog PhD planner or COPH catalog section
- 2019/20 USF catalog PhD planner or COPH catalog section
- Any prior year please view the USF Graduate Catalog Archives

There may be circumstances in which a student may need to change their catalog year. This must be initiated through a discussion with your academic advisor. Details regarding USF policy on changing catalog year can be found at https://catalog.usf.edu/content.php?catoid=12&navoid=1375#students-major-degree-requirements.

**Current Competencies (beginning fall 2017)**

PhD Competencies  
Community and Family Health Competencies

**2011 - 2016 Competencies**

- Track the Fulfillment of Your Competencies: Your COPH Competencies Database Record
- PhD Competencies
- Community and Family Health Competencies

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