PhD Biostatistics

**Concentration:** Biostatistics (BST)  
**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health  
**Delivery:** Traditional

Biostatistics involves the development and application of statistical techniques to scientific research in health-related fields, including medicine, biology, and public health. From the beginning of the 20th century, the field of biostatistics has been at the quantitative core of efforts to improve health and reduce illness. Biostatisticians play indispensable roles in designing studies and analyzing data as diverse as the testing new drugs to combat AIDS, evaluating interventions to reduce drug and alcohol addiction, determining risk factors for heart diseases, regulating environmental hazards, and protecting food safety. Today biostatistics is becoming the backbone of informatics to process massive data that are generated on an unprecedented scale.

The PhD program provides advanced training and research opportunities in statistical theory, biostatistical methods, and their applications in a wide spectrum of fields including epidemiology, mental health prevention, environmental health, clinical trials, and health services research. With a curriculum that is both interdisciplinary and adaptive to individual student needs and interests, the program prepares students for a career as a methodologists in academia, government, industries, and health care organizations.

**Program of Study**

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**PhD Competencies**  
**Biostatistics Competencies**

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