Temple University College of Public Health
PHD IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

Founded in 1884, Temple University encompasses 17 schools and colleges, eight campuses and over 30,000 students—making it one of the nation's most comprehensive educational and research institutions. Temple's College of Public Health is one of the largest and most diverse colleges of its kind in the country, incorporating healthcare and health services professions as well as traditional public health disciplines. The College is ranked as one of the top 15% of the nation's accredited schools of public health, according to U.S. News and World Report. Across our 20 disciplines and more than 50 academic programs, we are redefining what it means to be leaders in public health.

The *Epidemiology PhD Program* offers rigorous training in a diverse urban setting. Our program trains students to develop their own research interests and work effectively and productively in interdisciplinary research teams. Our program is structured on three pillars of success: (1) a strong foundation in epidemiologic methods, including study design and causal inference, (2) advanced training in data management and data analysis, and (3) hands-on training which prepare students to think critically and work collaboratively.

WHAT DISTINGUISHES OUR PHD IN EPIDEMIOLOGY?

- *Collaborative, interdisciplinary education*
  The program maintains small cohort sizes to ensure that students have opportunities to work and engage with diverse faculty. Our environment allows students to engage in interdisciplinary research.

- *Renowned professors*
  Access to renowned faculty with expertise in several areas of epidemiology (e.g., behavioral, cancer, chronic disease, infectious disease, environmental, aging, substance use) as well as causal inference, randomized control clinical and community-based trials.

- *An array of research opportunities*
  You will gain hands-on experience working on projects with faculty, local or state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and/or private companies – making you competitive and prepared to launch your career after graduation.

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PROGRAM CURRICULUM

This 45-credit program can be completed full-time and is structured as follows:

Core Courses

Our newly revamped curriculum includes three doctoral-level epidemiologic methods courses and biostatistical training that provide a strong foundation in traditional and novel epidemiologic methods, study design, data analysis, and causal inference.

Research and Methods Courses

Topical methods courses in behavioral epidemiology, cancer epidemiology, reproductive and perinatal epidemiology, clinical research methods, and grant writing will enhance your research methods training.

Epidemiology/Substantive Electives

Students choose courses covering topics including chronic disease, infectious disease, environmental, and social epidemiology, structural equation modeling, multilevel modeling, and behavioral measurement.

Non-Didactic Courses

Preliminary Examinations
Dissertation Proposal Research
Dissertation Research

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

For admission consideration, applicants must have:

- An MPH or master's degree in a related field is preferred
- Prerequisites: Applicants are expected to have completed coursework in epidemiology, research methods, statistics, and data analysis.
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the functional equivalent)

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Consideration for special Doctoral Fellowship Awards Deadline: NOVEMBER 13, 2024
Fall Regular Decision Deadline: APRIL 15, 2025
Our PhD program admissions webpage has complete details on admission requirements.

To apply for admission, applicants must submit the following credentials:

- SOPHAS Centralized Application, available online at **portal.sophas.org**
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended
- Statement of research and career goals
- Resumé or CV
- Official GRE test scores
- Writing sample
- For applicants whose native language is not English, the TOEFL or IELTS exam is required with the following minimum scores: 79 on the internet-based TOEFL or 6.5 on the academic version of the IELTS

FUNDING FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

The department offers all students accepted to the program a competitive level of support, including tuition, stipend and health insurance, for four years. University fellowships are also available.

Graduate assistantships include:

- **Research Assistants (RAs)**, who perform supervised research activities and work with faculty on grant proposals and ongoing research. Through these experiences you will develop both research and grant-writing competencies.
- **Teaching Assistants (TAs)**, who assist in teaching courses, including grading exams papers or teaching lab sections. TAs learn current pedagogies that prepare them for academic teaching. They can also receive certification in higher education teaching.
- **Faculty accepting students Fall 2025**
  - **Dr. Han (exposure assessment and environmental epidemiology):** https://cph.temple.edu/about/faculty-staff/inkyu-han-tup29954
  - **Dr. Weinstein (statistical methods in brain health research):** https://cph.temple.edu/about/faculty-staff/sarah-m-weinstein-tus35331
  - **Dr. Wilson (environmental and cancer epidemiology):** https://cph.temple.edu/about/faculty-staff/robin-taylor-wilson-tul50937

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