



Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences

TRIDENT'S DOCTORATE

Advanced Instruction • Research Skills • Strong Academic Competencies



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Welcome to Trident Doctorate Program

The Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences is the highest level of academic achievement earned. In Tridents PhDHS program, students are offered courses designed to provide the information and skills needed to construct and conduct their own independent scientific investigation for their dissertation. Courses are held on-line allowing flexibility for students to meet assignment deadlines. The academic diversity of Trident faculty offers students exposure to a wide range of experience. Graduates of the Ph.D. Health Science program are expected to demonstrate effective research skills, data compilation and analysis, scholarly writing and presentation, which are assessed through successful doctoral level dissertation defense and publication. We will work to provide you the academic knowledge and expertise so you can find your path in the field of health sciences.

Dr. Mickey Shachar

Dean of College of Health and Human Services

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Why Trident?

1. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org)
2. 100% online 44-56 credit program with no in-person class requirements
3. Affordable and Flexible
4. Faculty with doctoral degrees and extensive research, professional practice and teaching experience
5. Access to most required academic resources at no extra cost through our virtual library.
6. Embracing real-world learning with the EdActive™ Learning Approach
7. Two Ph.D. HS concentrations & No Concentration Track
8. Culminates in a PhD Dissertation Research Study.

The Trident Difference

EdActive™ Learning Approach

- Creative learning
- Problem solving
- Experimental learning
- Designed to enhance ability to think, learn, and solve problems.

How EdActive™ learning works

1. Students are presented with a question or issue.
2. They do the research.
3. They apply their own experience.
4. They present their solution.
5. Students receive feedback and suggestions.
6. They apply the learning to their next task.

Flexibility

- Manage your own time to deliver on deadlines
- No daily micro-management
- Faculty is responsive to student needs
- Milestones keep you on track

Affordability

- Accelerated programs
- Low tuition, no extra cost for most course materials
- Scholarships and grants available for those who qualify



With flexible, 100% online classes you can attend at any time, the power to earn a degree is in your hands.



Trident is part of the AIU System, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.



The 12-week sessions are available to doctoral students with four doctoral start dates.

Program Overview

The College of Health and Human Services offers the Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences (Ph.D. HS) degree with two concentrations (a) Global Health, and (b) Health Policy and Administration). The normal time of degree completion is 6 years, based on the number of courses taken per session and completion of dissertation milestone requirements. The Ph.D. curriculum is comprised of the following components:

Core Courses

Five research methods courses and two theory courses in the field of health sciences provide the foundation for students to focus on their specialized concentration. All courses are four semester units. The last required course taken prior to the dissertation series is DHS 699, Dissertation Seminar.

Concentrations

Students take three courses in their specific concentration either Global Health or Health Policy and Administration. These courses immerse students in current topical research which are explored with the framework of methods and theory learned in prior course work.

Comprehensive Exam (QE)

After the student has completed their core courses in methods, theory and their specific concentration, the student takes this course as a milestone. Students follow the scientific method to develop their research ideas into a fully developed prospectus. To pass the course, students submit a comprehensive prospectus and they present an online

presentation to Trident faculty to defend their prospectus. This is considered the students Qualify Exam where they must demonstrate their ability and preparedness to successfully complete their dissertation research.

Dissertation Study and Committee

Students can subsequently select their dissertation committee members based on their research interests. Each committee will consist of a minimum of three Trident faculty members, with one serving as chair of the committee. The chairperson and the committee will be responsible for guiding you during the dissertation process. You will show a synthesis of your doctoral study, knowledge, and scholarship with a significant quantitative research project that contributes to general principles of knowledge in the field(s) of study. Following the completion of the coursework, including the Dissertation Proposal Seminar (DHS 699), you will work on the dissertation and register in subsequent sessions in the dissertation series (DHS 700, DHS 701, and DHS 702) the outcome of which is to defend a dissertation proposal, and then dissertation continuation courses (DHS 703 – DHS 711) which culminates in a successfully defended dissertation study. the PhD program must be completed within nine consecutive years.

At Trident you can earn an accredited Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences degree fully online.

Program Core Courses

Designed to help students prepare for the dissertation stage.

- RMS 600 - Research Methods
- DHS 640 - Qualitative Research
- DHS 612 - Program Evaluation
- RMS 608 - Research and Advanced Statistics I
- RMS 618 - Quantitative Research and Advanced Statistics II
- DHS 652 - Research Seminar
- DHS 660 - Linking Theory to Research



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Concentration: Global Health

The PhDHS concentration in Global Health explores how globalization impacts the determinants of health and disease, and allows students to conduct their research in a wide range of areas of public health concern. Population health, epidemiology, health equity, disease prevention, and other potential areas of research are available for students to conduct their research.



Global Health Concentration Courses

- DIH 697 - Introduction to Health Equity
- DIH 633 - Global Epidemiology
- DIH 620 - Current Issues in Global Health Research

Program Core Courses

The core curriculum is designed to provide students with the foundational knowledge needed for their PhD research. There are 8 core courses (5 methods courses, 2 theory courses and 1 Dissertation Seminar), all aligned to help student prepare to develop their dissertation study.

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The Dissertation Phase

- DHS 699 - Dissertation Seminar (Qualifying Exam)
- DHS 700 - 702 Dissertation Series
- DHS 703 - 711 Dissertation Continuation

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Concentration: Health Policy and Administration

The PhDHS concentration in Health Policy and Administration allows students to conduct their research in a range of areas related to the administration of healthcare. Administration, ethics, law, strategic planning and policy analysis are some of the potential areas of research available to students in this concentration.



Health Policy and Administration Concentration Courses

- DHA 621 - Health Care Law, Regulation and Ethics
- DHA 619 - Current Issues in Health Administration Research
- DHA 698 - Strategic Planning for Health Care Organizations

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Doctoral Resource Links

The PhD program strives to provide students with the personal guidance, instruction and informational resources needed for their success.

ePortfolio and 800 Dissertation Tasks Course

Provide the student with a single place to record and save everything related to the development of your dissertation in a single place.

800 Dissertation Tasks Course

Provides a single place to submit, track, and gain approval for completed tasks.

Webinars

Trident hosts a PhD-level academic webinar series designed to provide students any-time access to numerous recorded sessions covering a wide range of research related topics to help students with their dissertation research.

[Culture of Research and Education \(C.O.R.E.\)](#)

Student Gateway

The Student Gateway provides links to the most-used resources for prospective doctoral students.

[MyTLC Portal](#) | [Catalog](#) | [PhD Dissertation Handbook](#)

Doctoral Articles

- [Trident Health Sciences Professor Receives Teaching Excellence Award](#)
- [Trident Ph.D. in Education Alumnus Publishes Academic Papers](#)
- [Trident Doctor of Business Administration Professor Selected as SME for Conference in Dubai](#)
- [Trident's DBA Program Adds Experienced Management Professional and Researcher](#)
- [Considering the 4 C's: The Top 4 Reasons to Choose an Online Doctoral Program](#)
- [Advanced Degrees and Adult Life: How to Pursue a Doctoral Degree with a Career, with Kids, or During Deployment](#)
- [Accredited Online Doctoral Programs: Reputable and Feasible](#)
- [Ten Reasons Now is the Perfect Time to Earn Your Ed.D. or Ph.D. in Education Online](#)

Ph.D. HS Program Milestones

There are four milestones for students to achieve to earn their Ph.D. degree.

- 1 Complete doctoral coursework
- 2 Pass Qualifying Exam with a fully developed research prospectus
- 3 Pass Proposal Defense with a fully developed dissertation proposal.
- 4 Pass Dissertation Defense with a 5-Chapter dissertation



"My goal for attending Trident was to be able to better myself, to be able to work in the world of global health, specifically HIV/AIDS and prevention."

- Debra Hayes-Hughes, Ph.D. in Health Sciences



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