DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HEALTH SCIENCES

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Mission:
To prepare the next generation of academics who are excellent researchers, instructors, and are prepared to serve Northeast Ohio and beyond.

Admissions requirements:
Adequacy of students
The Ph.D. in Health Sciences is designed to accept students who possess a bachelor’s, master’s or a clinical doctorate degree. The bachelor’s and master’s degrees considered should be health related, but will consider students with a basic science degree (ex. biology) if there is an established interest in healthcare. Additionally, there has been a track established for the current entry-level DPT students at YSU to enter a dual DPT/Ph.D. track at the end of their first year in the DPT program. All applicants to the program will be evaluated against the following admission criteria:

- Student with an interest in the Health Sciences and an interest in pursuing employment in academia, research, or clinical practice.
- Minimum overall 3.0 GPA from a bachelor’s or master’s degree.
- Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis for a GPA of 2.7-2.99. This will mandate a provisional admission.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be required for applicants who currently have a bachelor’s degree. Scores of 290 on parts 1 and 2, and 3.5 writing score are recommended.
- If required by the field, a current license to practice.
- Personal essay of why you are pursuing this degree and what area of your research you are intending to pursue.
- 3 letters of reference.
- A TOEFL score of at least 550 on a paper-based test, the equivalent score on a similar test, or an undergraduate degree from a university in the US.

All applicants applying with a current graduate degree will not be required to take the GRE but will be required to provide 1 example of academic writing and the committee reserves to right to request a second example at their discretion.

Degree Requirements
Candidates that enroll with a bachelor’s degree will complete all core courses (60 s.h.) and an additional 30 s.h. as approved by the Program Director. These courses can be an individualized plan using existing master’s courses in the College of Health and Human Services, the Gerontology program, other master’s courses, or Concentration Course Electives in the Ph.D. program.
CRJS 6945  Research Methods in Health and Human Services  3
Total Semester Hours  60

Learning Outcomes
By graduation from the Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences program, students will:

1. Propose a research study utilizing appropriate statistical or assessment techniques to answer a question based on an identified gap in the literature.
2. Apply scientific evidence to specific patient/client cases in their fields.
3. Explain how psychosocial and mental & behavioral factors impact healthcare outcomes of various disease processes relate to their area of research.
4. Design a study to answer an original research question regarding the teaching andragogy in Health Sciences education.
5. Communicate their original research both verbally and through manuscripts submitted for publication in academic journals.
6. Apply interdisciplinary research skills to solve current and future problems as professionals in Health Sciences.