PhD IN HEALTH – FACULTY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD in Health Program will prepare the next generation of researchers, academics, and leaders in health to answer questions critical to improving health and social well-being locally, nationally, and internationally. The program is designed to recognize and respond to the World Health Organization’s (WHO) definition of health as “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” As part of the program, students will complete a focused, research intensive program of study contextualized within the broader health perspective.
RESEARCH STRENGTHS
The three main foci of research in the PhD Health program are 1) Health Services/Policy and Transformation, 2) Mobility & Physical Activity/Independence and 3) Vulnerable or Marginalized Populations.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In addition, students will only be accepted into the PhD program after completion of a Master’s degree from an accredited program. Eligible students who have completed a research Master’s will be enrolled in the two year PhD program. Students who have completed a non-thesis Master’s program may be eligible for the three year PhD program. The minimum GPA requirement is 3.7.

A supervisor must be in place prior to acceptance into the program. Students are required to submit the following to accompany their application:
- Two original copies of all official transcripts from each university attended.
- At least two academic letters of reference
- A current CV
- An approved plan for funding submitted by both the applicant and the supervisor
- A statement of research interest
- Proof of English language competency if applicable

LENGTH OF PROGRAM
PhD: typical time to complete is 4-6 years

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Applications should be made early, preferably by January 15th of the year before the proposed start of the program in order to qualify for internal funding.

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Why study PhD in Health at Dalhousie?

A minimum stipend of $12,000 plus tuition is available for PhD students. Normally, students who are accepted are supported financially either by external sources, Dalhousie scholarships or supervisors research funding. Additional financing is available for students with external scholarships.