

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HEALTH STUDIES

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**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/health-studies/graduate-programs/phd-in-health-studies/>

The School of Health Promotion and Kinesiology (SHPK) offers a Ph.D. in Health Studies designed to prepare students to conduct research in health promotion and health education. All Health Studies doctoral students are expected to work with faculty to acquire and develop the skills required to become independent, ethical, and skilled researchers.

The Ph.D. requires a minimum total of 96 semester credit hours (SCH) in which students must select one focal area: Higher Education, Population Health, or Communication Sciences. Credit hours from the master's degree can be applied to the required 96 SCH, as deemed appropriate by the Advisory Committee. Graduates are eligible to take the MCHES® Exam to become Master Certified Health Education Specialists.

Leveling Requirement: Earned degree in Health Education, Health Promotion, Health Behavior, Community Health, or Public Health; or HS 5413.