

DLSPH PhD Epidemiology Timeline

NB: These are the benchmarks by which your annual progress will be compared against

Year 1

- Apply for external doctoral awards
- Complete 2.5*/4.0 required core courses and required elective course(s) if desired
- Complete TCPS ethics certificate
- Enroll, participate and present in doctoral seminar course (CHL5423H) (Note this is a 2-year course)
- Finalize supervisor and advisory committee (by December)
- Complete written comprehensive exam component (June)
- Foundational dissertation work (i.e. literature review, developing objectives/research questions)

Year 2

- Complete 1.5**/4.0 required courses, including electives and doctoral seminar
- Participate and present in doctoral seminar course (CHL5423H)
- Draft dissertation proposal and complete oral examination of dissertation proposal
- Achieve candidacy
- Start intensive dissertation work
- Have at least 2 committee meetings

Year 3

- Intensive research dissertation work
- Regular thesis committee meetings

Year 4

- Schedule and prepare for divisional defense
- Complete divisional defense
- Schedule and prepare for Final Oral Examination (FOE)
- Complete FOE
- Celebrate the completion of your doctorate!

* CHL5005H: Introduction to Public Health Research; CHL5404H: Research Methods I; CHL5406H: Quantitative Methods for Biomedical Research; CHL5408H: Research Methods II; CHL5424H: Advanced Quantitative Methods in Epidemiology

** CHL5423H: Doctoral Seminar Series in Epidemiology; CHL5428H Epidemiological Methods for Causal Mediation Analyses; Elective courses

NB: For the 2017-18 incoming students, CHL5428H can count as one of the required 1.0 elective course.