

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 (CHL5423) (Note this is a 2-year course)
- Finalize supervisor (by December at the latest) and advisory committee (by April at the latest) and send to Program Director for approval
- Complete written qualifying 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 (CHL5423)
- Draft dissertation proposal and complete proposal defense***
- Achieve candidacy (required coursework, qualifying exam and proposal defense)
- Start intensive dissertation work
- Have at least 2 committee meetings

Year 3

- Intensive research dissertation work
- Regular thesis committee meetings
- Draft final version of thesis
- Plan for defense proceedings

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 course

*** Students wishing to present their protocol within the *first* year will be permitted to do so with the full agreement of their committee and approval of the Program Director