

Public Health— Health Behavior

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The Joint Doctoral Program (JDP)

A Ph.D. in public health with a concentration in health behavior is offered by the joint faculties of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the School of Medicine at UCSD and the Division of Health Promotion, Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University (SDSU). Students in the program complete course work and conduct research at both institutions. Faculty from each campus serve on advisory and dissertation committees, providing students with extensive exposure to experts whose research interests represent the interdisciplinary nature of modern public health. Dr. Lawrence Palinkas (UCSD) and Dr. John Elder (SDSU) codirect the program.

Emphasis is on producing graduates with a mastery in the central concepts and analytic processes of health behavior. Graduates of the program are expected to establish advanced skills in applied behavioral analysis for population application; to establish expertise in advanced qualitative and quantitative research methods; to establish advanced skills in the application of interventions and research methods to health behavior in disenfranchised populations; and to establish skills necessary to understand and change health policy. Graduates of the program are competitive for a variety of research, teaching, and community service positions in areas such as academic institutions, local and state health departments, federal and international agencies, and both private and public-sponsored research institutions.

Requirements for the joint doctoral degree include:

1. successful completion of required course work
2. passing written preliminary examinations in behavioral science, epidemiology, and biostatistics
3. passing written and oral qualifying examinations
4. demonstrating proficiency in teaching
5. completion and successful formal defense of a dissertation