

# Doctor of Health Science (DHSc) in Population Health

College of Population Health

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


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Our **DHSc in Population Health** is an online, practice-based doctoral degree designed for working professionals who are driven to lead and innovate.

This cohort-based program is small, interactive and focused on creating a community of practice among the participants as they develop their knowledge and skills. The curriculum includes career-focused content that includes networking, mentoring, coaching and leadership development.



## Core Population Health Courses

HPL 512 Medicare and Medicaid

HPL 550 Comparative Health Systems

DHS 702 Population Health Management Strategies

## Core Methods Courses

HPL 520 Fundamentals of Practice-Based Statistics

AHE 502 Statistics

DHS 700 Observational Research Methods

DHS 701 Experimental Research Methods

DHS 703 Systematic Reviews and Analysis



## Integrative Courses

DHS 704 Population Health Implementation Science I

DHS 705 Population Health Implementation Science II

DHS 706 Academic and Professional Writing

OPX 530 Applied Leadership Strategies for Effective Change

In-person Residencies

(Fall & Spring - Years 1 & 2; Fall & Summer - Year 3)

## Dissertation

DHS 800 Dissertation I (Fall)

DHS 801 Dissertation II (Spring)

DHS 802 Dissertation III (Summer)



## Unique Features

Interprofessional learning creates a community of practice

Focus on application and practice

Free student membership to a professional organization

Residencies offer career-focused content and support

- Expand your professional network

- Personalized mentoring and career coaching

- Leadership development

- Dissertation development



# In-Person Residencies - Year 1

## DHS 750 Beginning Residency (Fall)

Overview of Population Health

Overview of US Healthcare Organization and Delivery

Contemporary Issues in Population Health

Colloquium Review (2 days)

## DHS 751 Spring Residency

Research Methods Review

Overview of HC Finance

Corporate Strategy in Times of Uncertainty

1 credit hour per residency session = 6 total credit hours



## In-Person Residencies - Year 2

### DHS 752 Fall Residency

Statistics Lab

Board Governance

Career Planning

Contemporary Issues in Population Health

Colloquium Review (2 days)

### DHS 753 Spring Residency

Research Methods Lab

Board Governance

Career Planning

Dissertation Project Discussion

## In-Person Residencies - Year 3

### DHS 754 Fall Residency

Dissertation Requirements

Research Ethics

Dissertation Lab

Contemporary Issues in Population Health

Colloquium Review (2 days)

### DHS 755 Summer Residency

Dissertation Lab

Dissertation Defense

Graduation and Wrap-up

1 credit hour per residency session = 6 total credit hours

## *What does success look like?*

- ❖ Dissertation completed by end of Year 3
- ❖ Dissertation project that is meaningful to employer organization
- ❖ Publication in peer-reviewed journal or presentation at professional conference
- ❖ Enhanced prospects for promotion or career advancement
- ❖ Expand your professional network and community of practice

JOB TITLE

# Director of Strategic Initiatives

## OUTLOOK

- The US Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 18% (much faster than average) job growth in healthcare between 2018-2026.

## SALARIES

MAX \$198,938  
↑  
MEDIAN \$172,001  
↓  
START \$138,568

- **American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM)**
    - The leading professional organization for healthcare management professionals. [www.aaham.org](http://www.aaham.org)
  - **American Association of Physician Leadership (AAPL)**
    - Leading professional organization for physician executives. [www.physicianleaders.org](http://www.physicianleaders.org)
  - **American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)**
    - This professional society provides leaders of healthcare organizations with national connections, professional development, and local regional support. [www.ache.org](http://www.ache.org)
  - **National Association of Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)**
    - National organization dedicated to healthcare quality professionals. [www.nahq.org](http://www.nahq.org)
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## Where do you want to be in 3 years?

This program is for diverse health professionals with operational responsibilities who are looking to take the next step up

- Clinicians
- Educators
- Administrators
- Public Health professionals
- Information/IT specialists

## PROGRAM FACULTY



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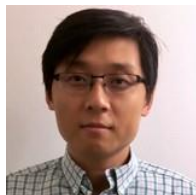


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# Admissions Requirement Checklist

- ❖ An earned master's degree or post-baccalaureate professional degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- ❖ GPA of 3.3 or higher in graduate coursework
- ❖ GRE within 5 years (GRE Waiver available)
- ❖ Application and personal essay
- ❖ Resume/CV that demonstrates potential for success in a doctoral program
- ❖ Recommendation letters attesting to your ability to be successful in the program

# Special Scholarship for Inaugural Cohort



## Population Health Leaders Award

**\$4,000/year (Total of \$12,000)**

**Award is contingent on full-time enrollment  
and is renewable provided recipient is a  
student in good standing.**



## Admissions

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## Financial Aid

[jefferson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid.html](http://jefferson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid.html)

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