

new Population Health Doctoral Studies at University of California, Berkeley



The UC-Berkeley School of Public Health announces new PhD emphases in Population Health beginning in 2010. This Population Health focus builds on Berkeley's historical strengths in social epidemiology, health policy, and demography, offering students interdisciplinary programs of study to reflect the growing integration of these fields within the profession. Students will be able to study Population Health through either of two longstanding doctoral programs: the social-science based Health Services and Policy Analysis (HSPA) PhD program, or the Epidemiology PhD program.



HSPA is a campus-wide graduate group providing interdisciplinary health policy training in economics, political science, and organizational sociology. The program has increasingly expanded its focus beyond health care to include social determinants of health, culminating now in the establishment of a new track in Population Health that combines a traditional social science emphasis with coursework in social epidemiology and demography. Students in the Epidemiology PhD program similarly have increasingly embraced health policy issues, resulting in the establishment of an optional new emphasis in Population Health that provides deeper training in social science theory and methods. Population Health students in both PhD programs will take some joint coursework and will have access to the same outstanding Berkeley faculty. For more information on these programs and related Population Health research at Berkeley see:

- HSPA website: <http://hspa.berkeley.edu>
- Epidemiology website: <http://epi.berkeley.edu>
- Berkeley Population Center: <http://www.popcenter.berkeley.edu>
- RWJ postdoc programs in health policy <http://rwj.berkeley.edu> and population health <http://www.hss.ucsf.edu>

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