

Health Services Concentration Area of the Urban Services PhD Program PhD

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Institutional Mission Reference

The Health Services Concentration Area of the Urban Services PhD Program offers graduate students a high quality degree program in Urban Health Services. Both faculty and students in the program are committed to the highest level of knowledge discovery and transmission. In order to accomplish this, the faculty within the program are committed to teaching excellence and student mentoring as well as contributing to the community through their own and student's work.

Institutional Goal(s) Supported

The Health Services Concentration Area of the Urban Services PhD Program attracts students from the local community, across the nation and around the world. Students in the program are a multiculturally diverse group who have backgrounds in many different health and urban disciplines. Research completed by students contributes to health services in the local community and other parts of the world where students may elect to complete their research .

Intended Educational (Student) Outcomes, Methods for Assessment, Criteria for Success, Assessment Results, and Use of Results

Intended Outcome 1

Students will demonstrate their research and scholarly writing skills.

Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success: Eighty percent of students/alumni will present the results of their scholarly work at local, regional, national or international Conferences and/or publish their work in journals or other media.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 1: Health Services Concentration Area Students and Alumni were requested to send titles of publications and presentations. Although many students did not respond, 39 presentations and publications were listed in the Program Review Report.

Use of Assessment Results from Intended Outcome 1 to Improve Academic Program:

Completion of a presentation or submission of a manuscript will be expected as criteria for internships and supervised research projects. This will encourage more students to begin scholarly activity which will hopefully carry over once they become alumni.

Intended Outcome 2

Students will rate the doctoral program's contribution to their knowledge highly.

Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: The Dean of the College of Health Sciences will continue to obtain student exit interviews. Eighty percent of student comments will be positive in nature.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 2: Since the assessment report was written, a new Dean has come to the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Samuels preferred not to complete exit interviews with students so an alternative method of assessment was determined.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: A survey was distributed to all students in the Urban Services PhD Program during the recent program review

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 2: . Of the 20 Health Services Concentration Area Students who responded, 85% were "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with their experience with the PhD Program.

Use of Assessment Results from Intended Outcome 2 to Improve Academic Program: Health Services Concentration. Students will be encouraged to identify faculty mentors earlier in the program and begin to work with them on areas of mutual research interest.

Intended Outcome 3

Alumni and/ or their employers will highly rate graduate's ability to perform tasks related to doctoral level skills.

Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: Eighty percent of alumni and/or their employers surveyed will assess the alumni's skills at the good or excellent level.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 3: While employers were not surveyed in the Program Review the survey did speak to alumni responses in this area.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: Alumni were asked questions regarding this area in the Program Review survey.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 3: Urban Services alumni from all Concentration Areas who responded to the survey during the Program Review indicated that 83.87% were employed in areas related to their doctoral study. Alumni also indicated that the program provided wanted skills and knowledge "completely" or "to a great extent" in 58.6% of cases and "to some extent" in 35.48% of cases.