



EPH 698—MSPH Thesis Proposal 3 credits

Pre-requisite:

1. Nine (9) credits completed in Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) including EPH 601, 602*
2. Permission from Capstone Manager or Faculty Advisor.
3. One of two of these research methods courses:

Course #	Course Name	Semester	Pre-requisite
EPH 604	Clinical Trials	Summer A	601 or instructor permission
EPH 647	Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)	Spring	Instructor permission
EPH 649	Survey Methods	--	<i>(inactive)</i>
EPH 651	Research Methods	Spring	601 & 621 or instructor permission
EPH 656	Qualitative Research Methods	Spring	None
EPH 703	Advanced Statistical Methods I	Fall	601 & pass pre-test, instructor permission
EPH 705	Advanced Statistical Methods II	Spring	703
EPH 751	Survival Analysis in Clinical Trials	Spring	602 or instructor permission
BST 625	Statistical Computing	Fall	Instructor permission

Course description:

This is an independent study course. Students in the MSPH track may register for this course with an approval from the Capstone Manager and the faculty advisor. The purpose of this course is to develop the MSPH Thesis Proposal, form a thesis committee with at least two members: 1st reader (an expert in the field) and 2nd reader (the faculty advisor) and obtain an approval from the committee members. This MHPS Thesis Proposal is required and must be approved prior to start data collection and analysis.

Deliverables and grading:

This course is graded “satisfactory (S)/unsatisfactory (US)”. If student has not completed the deliverables by the time grades are due for a given academic term, she/he will receive an “IP” (In Progress), which can be changed the following semester when the deliverables are met. In order to receive a “S” (satisfactory) students must have the following deliverables completed:

	EPH 698 Deliverables	Description
1	CITI	Certification (Group 2)
2	COMMITTEE	Form a committee with at least two members, one of which is your faculty advisor in the Department of Public Health Sciences
3	CONTRACT APPROVED	Submit an approved contract signed by all committee members and the graduate program Director of Academic Affairs.
4	WRITTEN PROPOSAL	Approved MSPH Thesis Proposal
5	ORAL PRESENTATION	Complete an oral presentation of your proposal per instructions from your faculty advisor
6	COURSE EVALUATION	EPH698 course evaluation submitted at the end of the semester

*EPH602 may be taken in the same semester of the EPH699--Thesis



EPH 699—MSPH Thesis (post-candidacy) 3 credits

Pre-requisite:

1. 9 credits completed in Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) including EPH 601, 602*
2. Approved MSPH Thesis Proposal, i.e. received “Satisfactory (S)” in EPH 698 and/or permission from the Capstone Manager or Faculty Advisor.
3. One of two of these research methods courses:

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BST 625	Statistical Computing	Fall	Instructor permission

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Deliverables and grading:

This course is graded as “satisfactory (S)/unsatisfactory (US)”. If student has not completed the deliverables by the time grades are due for a given academic term, she/he will receive an “IP” (In Progress), which can be changed the following semester when the deliverables are met. In order to receive a “S” (satisfactory) students must have the following deliverables completed:

	EPH 698 Deliverables	Description
1	MSPH THESIS ABSTRACT	Approved by faculty advisor and sent to capstone manager at least 2 weeks prior to oral defense
2	MSPH THESIS ORAL DEFENSE	Oral presentation to committee, faculty, staff, and peers completed.
4	MSPH GRADING GRID	Completed and signed by committee after oral defense
5	CONTRACT CERTIFIED	Fully signed contract (on both columns) by all committee members and the graduate program Director of Academic Affairs or designee after oral defense
3	MSPH WRITTEN THESIS—APPROVED	Approved by faculty advisor and sent to capstone manager
6	LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS	List accomplishments from the thesis, such as conference presentation, posters, awards
7	COURSE EVALUATION	EPH699 course evaluation submitted at the end of the semester

*EPH602 may be taken in the same semester of the thesis for those students on a fast program track