Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (Ph.D.)

Reasons to Choose Our Program...

• Western Michigan University’s Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Ph.D. Program offers an innovative interdisciplinary approach to educating Ph.D. professionals with research and leadership skills to improve health and human services in all areas of society.

• Program and interdisciplinary faculty, across the College of Health and Human Services and beyond, provide supportive mentoring in a context of rigorous standards and expectations.

• In any setting, the interdisciplinary skills of the graduates of this program prepare them uniquely to address complex problems and contribute to interdisciplinary, evidence-based practice.

• The program is highly accessible to non-traditional working professionals, providing high quality doctoral education through a combination of online education and intensive on-campus weekend and summer sessions in Kalamazoo.

• Students are encouraged to develop their in-depth knowledge within chosen areas through cognate courses and a research practicum.

• The program, including dissertation, can be completed in 3-4 years or up to a maximum of 7 years.
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Teaching, Research, and Program

Focus Areas
WMU’s Interdisciplinary Sciences faculty are highly educated and actively involved in making advancements in health care. In addition, several of them work in collaboration with agencies within the community in order to implement and test their grant funded research studies.

The mission of the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Ph.D. Program is to prepare doctoral level researchers, educators, and leaders with the interdisciplinary skills and vision to improve health and human services in all areas of society.

Admissions
Students are admitted to the program as a cohort every two years in even-numbered years through a competitive process. Generally, 12 students are admitted to a cohort with no more than three students from any one discipline. The GRE is required. For prerequisites and other details, visit: www.wmich.edu/healthsciences.

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
The College of Health and Human Services offers a number of half-time doctoral associateships that provide partial tuition and a modest stipend during the first two years of required coursework. These appointments carry a work requirement of 10 hours per week, generally providing research assistance under the mentorship of a faculty member. The work may be completed at a distance. WMU also offers assistance for historically underrepresented students and a variety of competitive grants.

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Western Michigan University

One of America’s 147 public research universities, Western Michigan University offers a wide range of top-notch graduate programs, including 74 at the master’s level and 31 at the doctoral level. Twenty-one percent of WMU’s nearly 24,000 students are enrolled in graduate coursework, another one-fifth are minority students and nearly 8 percent of all students hail from other countries.

Kalamazoo
The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and at the heart of a metropolitan area of more than 330,000 people. On national lists, Kalamazoo rates among the top 10 cities for creative workers as well as for work-life balance. It also numbers among “The 29 Cities All Twentysomethings Should Pick Up And Move To.”