PHD (STRUCTURED POPULATION AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH EDUCATION) SPHERE

Programme Requirements

Full-time

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Students take **60** credits as follows:		
Core Modules		
EH7003	Evidence Synthesis and Clinical Trials	5
EH7005	Introduction to Health Economics and Econometrics	10
EH7009	Population and Individual Health	10
EH7010	Health Systems, Policy and Informatics	10
EH7011	Interrogation, Interpreting and Reporting Scientific Data and Health Information	10
EH7014	National Work Placement	5
EH7015	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	10
Research		
Students will read extensively around their subject, and agree to a research question in consultation with their supervisors. [1]		
Year 2		
Students take **10** credits as follows:		
Core Modules		
EH7012	Research Development and Academic Writing	5
EH7013	International Work Placement	5
Research		
Students will continue work on the thesis, in consultation with their supervisors. [2]		
Year 3		
Research		
Students will continue work on their thesis in consultation with their supervisors. [3]		
Year 4		
Research		
Students will continue work on their thesis in consultation with their supervisors. [4]		

[1] Students will normally identify a suitable project and produce a thesis proposal by the end of Year 1. Students who do not produce a satisfactory thesis proposal will not be permitted to proceed to Year 2.

[2] Students will be asked to make a formal presentation on their research at the end of Year 2.

[3] Students will ensure that by the end of Year 3 they have gathered their data (or obtained access to the relevant datasets) and begun the data analysis and write-up phase of their thesis. Students will have the opportunity to attend, and participate in, workshops on issues in health services research. Students will be asked to make a formal presentation on their research at the end of Year 3.

[4] Students will develop a detailed submission plan in consultation with their supervisor and ensure that they work to the timetable outlined in this plan. Students will have the opportunity to attend, and participate in, workshops on personal and professional skills development. The final PhD award will be based on the thesis only and examined in accordance with UCC regulations.

Part-time

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Students take modules to the value of **25** credits from the following:		
Core Modules		
EH7003	Evidence Synthesis and Clinical Trials	5
EH7005	Introduction to Health Economics and Econometrics	10
EH7009	Population and Individual Health	10
EH7010	Health Systems, Policy and Informatics	10
EH7011	Interrogation, Interpreting and Reporting Scientific Data and Health Information	10
EH7015	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	10
EH7014	National Work Placement [1]	5
Research		
Students will read extensively around their subject to develop a research question in consultation with their supervisors. [2]		
Year 2		
Students take modules to the value of **30** credits from the following (not previously taken): [3]		
EH7003	Evidence Synthesis and Clinical Trials [3]	30
EH7005	Introduction to Health Economics and Econometrics	10
EH7009	Population and Individual Health	10
EH7010	Health Systems, Policy and Informatics	10
EH7011	Interrogation, Interpreting and Reporting Scientific Data and Health Information	10
EH7015	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	10
Research		
Students will read extensively around their subject to finalise a research question in consultation with their supervisors.		
Year 3		
Students take **5** credits as follows:		
Core Modules		
EH7012	Research Development and Academic Writing (compulsory)	5
Students may choose to take optional modules to the value of **5** credits from the following:		
Elective Modules		
EH7013	International Work Placement (Optional)	5
Research		
Students will continue research on their thesis in consultation with their supervisors. [4]		
Year 4		
Research		
Students will undertake work on their thesis in consultation with their supervisors. [5]		

Year 5

Research

Students will undertake work on their thesis in consultation with their supervisors. [6]

Year 6

Research

Students will undertake work on their thesis in consultation with their supervisors. [7]

[1] All students must undertake work placement but in the case of students currently employed in an appropriate health services environment students may complete this module within their current work environment, subject to approval of the programme team.

[2] Continuation requires submission of a thesis title hence approval by the College of Medicine and Health is required at the end of Year 1.

[3] No student may register for the Second Year of study until all modules in First Year have been passed.

[4] Students will agree objectives and goals for the year with their supervisor. Students will be asked to make a formal presentation at the end of Year 3.

[5] Students will have the opportunity to attend, and participate in, workshops on issues in health services research.

[6] Students will ensure that by the end of year 5 they have gathered their data (or obtained access to the relevant datasets) and have begun the data analysis and write-up phase of their thesis. Students will have the opportunity to attend, and participate in, workshops on personal and professional skill development.

[7] Students will develop a detailed submission plan in consultation with their supervisor and ensure that they work to the timetable outlined in this plan. The final PhD award will be based on the thesis only and examined in accordance with UCC regulations.

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.