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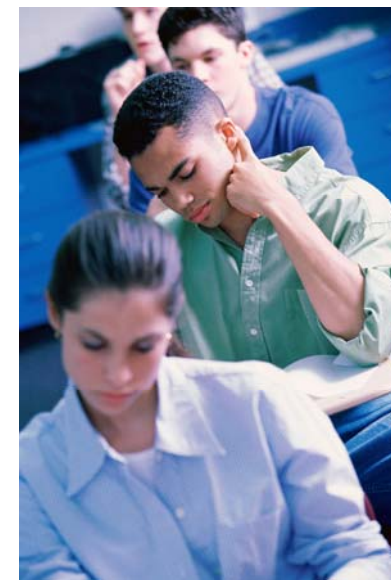
## Application

Students interested in the Doctoral Program in Gerontologic Health Services Research may apply online at <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=jhsph> accompanied by a \$45 application fee. Alternatively, a paper application may be requested from the Admissions Office, 410-955-3543, and submitted with a \$75 application fee. The School's deadline for receiving complete applications is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Acceptance decisions may take up to 8 weeks.

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## Doctoral Program in Gerontologic Health Services Research



## DOCTORAL PROGRAM

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The goal of this Doctoral Program in Gerontologic Health Services Research is to prepare the next generation of gerontologists to acquire the knowledge needed to meet the challenges of providing high-quality, cost-effective health care to the burgeoning, diverse population of older Americans. By teaching scientific theory and rigorous methods, the program prepares students for productive careers in breakthrough research.

Students acquire expertise in:

- Leading-edge methods for conducting research on health services.
- The health-related challenges faced by older Americans.
- The health care needed and used by older Americans.
- The analysis of national databases, such as those created by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and/or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

### Didactic Education

During their first two years, students focus on a rich curriculum of required courses in health services research and gerontology, elective courses of their choosing, and monthly research seminars and conferences.

### Practicum

Health services research is especially productive when researchers understand the real-life processes and day-to-day challenges of providing and studying health care. Students in this program, therefore, choose "practicum experiences" related to health care for older persons. These experiences may involve: visiting clinical sites, observing clinical care, exploring community service agencies, and field work on clinical research projects. Students also participate in faculty research projects and attend national meetings of relevant professional societies.

### Dissertation

Mentored by members of the program's renowned core faculty, students complete a dissertation on a topic related to health services for older persons.

### Degree and Certification

Graduates of the program are awarded the School's Ph.D. degree in Health Policy and Management and its Certificate in Gerontology.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Funding through the National Institute on Aging supports two students each year. This support covers stipends, tuition and fees, research expenses, and the cost of attending one national meeting of a relevant professional society. The Bloomberg School of Public Health provides support for additional doctoral students.

Opportunity for support is also available through the C. Sylvia and Eddie C. Brown Community Health Scholarship, which provides tuition, stipends, and research support to three promising doctoral candidates entering the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Ideal candidates are students whose research and practice focus on improving the health and quality of life of underserved populations in Baltimore. Individuals from minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for the Brown Scholarship will be accepted through December. Applicants selected as Brown Scholars will be notified of their award by mid-March. More information about the Brown Scholarship is available at [www.jhsph.edu/brownscholars](http://www.jhsph.edu/brownscholars).