
DrPH Dissertation Committee

The Dissertation Committee is charged with the supervision of the Candidate's dissertation activities. The entire committee is intended to be a resource upon which the Candidate may draw throughout the dissertation research. All members of the Committee must review and evaluate the dissertation and attend the oral defense of the dissertation.

Each student will form a 5 member dissertation committee, including one member from practice, to guide their dissertation research including the directed reading, written qualifying examination, dissertation research proposal, oral comprehensive examination, conduct of research, and completion and defense of the dissertation. The committee chair must be program core faculty in the focus area Department. The student's main technical advisor/mentor must have a primary or secondary appointment in the focus area Department or in the Department of the student's chosen minor. The mentor may not be the Chair of the dissertation committee. In addition, the committee as a whole must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Two members must be primary faculty in the FOCUS AREA DEPARTMENT.
2. One member must be a member of the faculty at CU Denver/Anschutz not in the student's department, with appropriate relevant expertise. Examples include faculty in another ColoradoSPH department, School of Medicine, or other schools at CU Anschutz or CU Denver.
3. One member must be from the practice community.

List each member by their full name (don't use nicknames or initials) and their program affiliation (as it applies to your program).

Criteria Considerations for Community Practice Member

When selecting a member from the Community, be mindful that the individual is:

- Able to assure that the research questions are relevant to public health practice
- Entrenched in practice and can mentor and guide on how the research may be applied in practice
- In a position of leadership that can help the student with professional connections
- Able to advise on directed readings and selective courses to assure the student has the broad background needed for a leadership position in practice
- Knowledgeable of evidence-based practices in the student's selected area of study

Requirements

- A resume and any additional relevant information that helps the program assess the practice member's potential to provide the guidance intended
- The student's written rationale as to why the practice member has been selected (see Dissertation Committee Member form)
- Approval by the Program Director and the committee chair (see Dissertation Committee Member form)

A more detailed description of the dissertation committee and process can be found in the DrPH Handbook:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/Academics/degreesandprograms/Documents/DrPH_Handbook.pdf