Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program

Admission Requirements
Admission to the Department requires a thesis-based Master's degree in community health sciences or public health with content equivalent to that offered by the department, or a master's degree in the basic medical sciences, biological or social sciences. Students who completed a research-based Master’s degree but did not write a thesis may also be eligible for admission to the PhD program. Such applications will be evaluated for eligibility by the CHS Graduate Studies Admission Committee. Students from professional Master’s programs are not eligible to apply, except in exceptional circumstances (i.e. an extensive publication and research background) as evaluated by the CHS Graduate Studies Admission Committee.

Selection Criteria
In recommending students for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the Department will emphasize past academic performance, evidence of research experience and potential, the extent to which an applicant has formulated the specific area of research in which he/she wishes to work, and whether the applicant's research interests are congruent with the current research resources and priorities of the members of the Department. Prior to admission to the Ph.D. program, a member of the Department of CHS must agree to serve as that student's Advisor and provide written confirmation through a letter of support. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Department have established criteria for College of Medicine faculty eligible to serve as Ph.D. Advisor.

Students and faculty who are not sure as to who can serve as advisor to PhD students should consult the FGS and CHS regulations. If questions remain, the Graduate Program Office can be contacted for further information.

Structure of the Program
The general regulations established by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) govern the PhD degree program in Community Health Sciences (CHS). In addition, there is a set of Supplemental Regulations specific to the Department. Students and faculty have the responsibility to be aware of both sets of regulations.

The PhD in Community Health Sciences requires completion of 18 credit hours of courses, the candidacy examination, preparation and approval of a thesis proposal, and researching, writing and defending a thesis/dissertation. Students who do not have an MSc in Community Health Sciences from University of Manitoba and are entering the program from other backgrounds must also take the four required courses for the MSc course, which may be credited towards PhD electives with the Advisor’s approval.