

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).

Other Grade Requirements Students must earn a B or above in all core curriculum coursework.

Assessments and Examinations Oral preliminary exam required.

Defense of PhD dissertation required. The dissertation is submitted in writing to the degree committee two weeks prior to the defense date, and then defended verbally during the defense meeting.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement Doctoral students in Clinical Investigation are not required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Breadth is achieved in other areas of the curriculum.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Students complete the following courses.		
B M I/STAT 542	Introduction to Clinical Trials I	3
POP HLTH 709	Translational and Outcomes Research in Health and Health Care	3
POP HLTH/SOC 797	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
NURSING/MEDICINE/POP HLTH 705	Seminar in Interdisciplinary Clinical Research Evidence	2-3
H ONCOL 750	Multi-disciplinary Patient-Oriented Research Presentation Skills Seminar	1

Biostatistics Requirement

Students complete 3-6 credits to fulfill this requirement. Course selections are listed below. 3-6

B M I/STAT 541	Introduction to Biostatistics
B M I/POP HLTH 551 & B M I/POP HLTH 552	Introduction to Biostatistics for Population Health and Regression Methods for Population Health ¹
B M I 699	Independent Study ²

Clinical Translational Science Requirement

Students complete 3-credits to fulfill this requirement. Course selections are listed below. 3

B M I 544	Introduction to Clinical and Healthcare Research II
B M I 773	Clinical Research Informatics

Research Design Requirement

CTS, stat, or methods courses. Students complete 6-credits to fulfill this requirement. Course must have the "Grad 50%" attribute. Possible course selections are listed below. For additional options, request approval from the program administrator. 6

SOC/C&E SOC 361	Statistics for Sociologists II
B M I/POP HLTH 552	Regression Methods for Population Health
B M I/ SY E 617	Health Information Systems

B M I/ POP HLTH 651	Advanced Regression Methods for Population Health
B M I/STAT 741	Survival Analysis Theory and Methods
B M I/ COMP SCI 767	Computational Methods for Medical Image Analysis
B M I/ COMP SCI 771	Learning Based Methods for Computer Vision
B M I/ COMP SCI 775	Computational Network Biology
B M I/COMP SCI/ PSYCH 841	Computational Cognitive Science
NURSING 804	Qualitative Design and Methods
CURRIC/ COUN PSY/ ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ELPA/ RP & SE 719	Introduction to Qualitative Research
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II
ED PSYCH 771	Test Construction

Grant Writing Requirement

Students complete one course to fulfill this requirement. 2
Course must have the "Grad 50%" attribute. Possible
course selections are listed below. For additional options,
request approval from the program administrator.

S&A PHM 701	Grant Writing for Health Services Research
CS&D 900	Seminar-Speech Science (Topic: Research Career Development Seminar on Grant Writing)

Responsible Conduct for Research Requirement

Students complete one of following courses to fulfill this 1-2
requirement.

MED PHYS 701	Ethics and the responsible conduct of research and practice of Medical Physics
ONCOLOGY 715	Ethics in Science
PHARMACY 800	Research Ethics: Scientific Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research
NURSING 802	Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research
SURG SCI 812	Research Ethics and Career Development
OBS&GYN 955	Responsible Conduct of Research for Biomedical Graduate Students
OBS&GYN 956	Advanced Responsible Conduct of Research for Biomedical Students

Research or Elective Courses

Additional courses or research credits (e.g., MED 990)

Total Credits 51

Students who take this option must also complete 2 credits of another
biostatistics course chosen in consultation with the program faculty
director.

¹ Students who complete this 6-credit sequence are required to take
fewer research credits to compensate.

² The 1-credit B M I 699 Independent Study is for students with instructor
consent who have prior statistics (no biostatistics coursework).