# PhD in Public Health Sciences Core Competencies and Learning Outcomes

#### PHD - CORE C1

Research Theories: Synthesize historical, contemporary, and emerging theories and paradigms of significance to public health

- **LO 1.1:** Synthesize literature-based information using systematic processes.
- **LO 1.2:** Apply appropriate theories and conceptual framework/models to address public health issues and research.

#### PHD - CORE C2

Critical Analysis: Critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of existing research evidence and identify significant gaps in knowledge.

- **LO 2.1:** Identify the strengths, weaknesses and limitations of existing literature.
- **LO 2.2:** Formulate a research questions/hypothesis to address knowledge gaps.

## PHD - CORE C3

**Research Methodology:** Comprehend, design and apply relevant and advanced research methods based on rigorous standards of evidence.

- **LO 3.1:** Apply various research methods in public health.
- **LO 3.2:** Apply a study design to a specific public health research question.
- **LO 3.3:** Analyze data to address research questions.

### PHD - CORE C4

Scientific Communications: Develop professional skills in scientific and grant writing, oral communication, and teaching.

- **LO 4.1:** Prepare and submit peer reviewed publications and abstracts.
- **LO 4.2:** Use effective communication strategies for different audiences.
- **LO 4.3:** Prepare research/grant proposals.

# PHD - CORE C5

**Ethics:** Uphold the highest ethical standards in all professional endeavors, including the design and implementation of research and the participation of human subjects.

- **LO 5.1:** Identify ethical issues associated with public health practice and research.
- **LO 5.2:** Apply ethical concepts in the conduct of research.
- **LO 5.3:** Assess ethical consideration in developing and evaluating programs.

## PHD - CORE C6

**Discovery and Translational Theory:** Conduct investigative research, including areas that facilitate the translation and application of discovery to practice.

- **LO 6.1:** Interpret research findings and derive implications for public health.
- **LO 6.2:** Demonstrate how evidence influences or is translated into public health.