

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR

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The Department of Health Behavior prepares students to identify the interdependent impact of biological, behavioral, environmental, and social forces on population and personal health. Students will have the opportunity to explore these influences through application based learning focused on (a) understanding and assessing health needs, and (b) planning, implementing, and evaluating programs, services, and policies designed to improve the health and quality of life of individuals and communities.

Health behavior students have opportunities to work in a broad and diverse range of organizations, including but not limited to, local and state health departments; educational settings, such as schools and universities; for-profit businesses; government agencies; and non-governmental organizations. All undergraduate students in the Department of Health Behavior will be eligible to sit for both the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam and the Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam once the degree is completed.

## Faculty

Baetge, Claire, Clinical Assistant Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2014

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2007

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Health Behavior  
PHD, University of Georgia, 2007

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Health Behavior  
DrPH, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1979

Chen, Lei-Shih, Associate Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2007

Clark, Heather, Research Assistant Professor  
Health Behavior  
DrPH, Texas A&M University, 2014

Colwell, Gregory B, Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Indiana University at Bloomington, 1992

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Health Behavior  
PHD, University of Cincinnati, 2015

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Health Behavior  
DrPH, Texas A&M University, 2019

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2015

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Health Behavior  
PHD, The Pennsylvania State University, 2007

Goodson, Patricia, Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, The University of Texas at Austin, 1996

Hanik, Bruce, Instructional Associate Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2011

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, 2013

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2010

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Health Behavior  
PHD, University of New Mexico, 2002

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Health Behavior  
PHD, University of Kentucky, 2020

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2020

Patterson, Megan, Assistant Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2016

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Baylor University, 2021

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2014

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Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 1992

Sharkey, Joseph R, Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002

Sherman, Ledric, Associate Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2013

Smith, Matthew, Associate Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2008

Stasi, Selina M, Instructional Assistant Professor  
Health Behavior  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2018

## **Masters**

- Master of International Affairs and Master of Public Health (HPCH) Combined Degree Program (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/government-public-service/international-affairs/combined-inta-hpch/>)
- Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/health-behavior/mph/>)

## **Certificates**

- Global Health Certificate (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/health-behavior/global-health-certificate/>)