

FAQs - Doctoral Program in Health Professions Education

What if I am not a UCSF faculty member?

The program is primarily for UCSF faculty members or individuals who have participated in UCSF educational preparation programs. However, program faculty who agree to act as the primary supervisor (promoter) can propose an applicant for the program based on the CV and research plan.

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Are there any prerequisites?

The applicant must be a health professional with preparation in education or health professions educator with a master's degree in social or biomedical sciences holding a faculty or staff position in a health professions education program. Publications in education research is highly desirable.

Is there an online study option?

Not at this time.

What is the schedule and time commitment?

Timeline

The maximum length of a part-time PhD track is six years, with a minimum time investment of two days per week devoted to any element of the training.

Regular Meetings

Face-to-face time with promoters and supervisors is the core of this program. Monthly, the cohort and all promoters meet at the UCSF campus with the help of video-conferencing technology to discuss the work toward program objectives, based on the Training and Services Agreement. Twice per year, the Utrecht-based program director is in-residence in San Francisco for the annual progress interview. Students are required to be available for the entire residency week.

The student meets weekly or bi-weekly with their "daily supervisor," at least monthly with the UCSF committee members, and every other month with the entire committee, including the Utrecht Promoter.

Thesis Defense

The PhD ceremony and defense of thesis will take place in the Netherlands and is mandatory.

What is the cost of the program?

The program fees vary depending on the affiliation with UCSF. Please contact [CFE \(link sends e-mail\)](#) for more information.

The program attempts to align funded opportunities that can help to support time in the program.