Many, if not all, research endeavors have implications for health. The doctoral minor in population health provides the methodological foundations for understanding how health is evaluated, how to assess influences on health and how to critically evaluate health related research. In addition, students completing the minor enhance their general understanding of research design and statistical interpretation.

The coursework encompasses the methodological cornerstones of population health and clinical research: epidemiology, health services research, and biostatistics. The electives allow students to emphasize epidemiology or health services research.