The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Department of Psychology offers a Ph.D. with a specialization in Health Psychology. All doctoral students are guaranteed four years of funding as research or teaching assistants; graduate students are currently awarded stipends of $19,500 per academic year.

Multiple core faculty members guide the research training of health psychology doctoral students. All of our labs are engaged in applied research, providing students with unique and exciting training and career opportunities. Doctoral students in our program also have the opportunity to pursue a Masters’ in Public Health or a Masters’ in Clinical Psychology as part of their graduate training. In December 2018 UTEP was awarded an R1 designation by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, indicating top tier doctoral university with very high research activity. UTEP’s location on the Texas-Mexico border provides our doctoral students with unique opportunities to conduct research addressing cutting edge issues related to health disparities, minority health, health threatening and health promoting behaviors, cultural determinant of health, and community based research initiatives and interventions in a metroplex of 2.2 million residents.

Our faculty and doctoral students conduct research addressing a range of health-related issues, including risk-taking and risk communication (Dr. Lawrence Cohn), addictive behaviors (e.g., tobacco, vaping, social media) and weight concern and control (Dr. Theodore Cooper), alcohol related health disparities and culturally centered brief motivation interventions (Dr. Craig Field), decision-making and cancer screening (Dr. Osvaldo Morera), and adherence to medical self-care regimens in patients with diabetes, AIDS, and other chronic conditions (Dr. John Wiebe; presently Interim Provost and is not accepting new students this year).

For more information about doctoral training in Health Psychology at UTEP, please contact Dr. Lawrence Cohn, Health Psychology Area Head (lcohn@utep.edu) or any of the core faculty in Health Psychology.