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 at least $16,000 per academic year.

Six core faculty guide the research training of health psychology doctoral students in labs that conduct applied and basic research and that offer exciting training and career opportunities. Doctoral students can also pursue a Master’s in Public Health or a Master’s in Clinical Psychology as part of their graduate training. The University of Texas at El Paso’s location on the Texas-Mexico border offers unique opportunities for lab-based and community-based research within a metroplex of 2.2 million residents. Health area faculty research includes: Latino/Hispanic and other minority health disparities, health-threatening behaviors, and health-promoting behaviors. This training emphasizes proficiencies not only in public health and clinical health, but also quantitative skills development.

Graduate students can work with one or more faculty mentors who conduct studies in the following areas of health psychology research:

* **Lawrence Cohn**  
  Risk-taking, risk perception, risk communication; drug use; injury control; adolescent development, emerging adulthood

* **Ted Cooper**  
  Tobacco control, other addictive behaviors; weight concern and control

* **Craig Field**  
  Development and evaluation of brief motivational interventions in the medical setting among Latinos and the underserved

* **Julia Lechuga**  
  Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination; risk reduction in contracting infectious diseases; sexual and reproductive health

* **Osvaldo Morera**  
  Decision-making and cancer screening

* **John Wiebe**  
  Depression and non-adherence to medical self-care regimens in people living with diabetes, HIV, and other chronic conditions

For more information about doctoral training in Health Psychology at UTEP, please contact Dr. Lawrence D. Cohn, Health Psychology Area Head (Lcohn@utep.edu) or any of the core faculty in Health Psychology. We welcome your interest, inquiries, and application.