Ph.D. in Clinical Translational Sciences

Sample Curriculum for Phoenix Students:

Required Courses *

- Principles:
  - Fundamentals of Clinical Translational Science (CTS 500) – 4 units; OR
  - Cellular, Molecular and Neural Biology (CTS 555) – 6 units [for post-baccalaureate students]; OR
  - Principles of Clinical Research I and II (CTS 501 and CTS 502) – 4 units each, offered Fall and Spring semester; OR
  - Principles of Surgery or Principles of Medicine (CTS 610 or CTS 620A/B/C) – 3-6 units [for postgraduate students].

- Professional Development Series - minimum 4 units chosen from:
  - Responsible Conduct of Research (CTS 595C) – 1 unit/semester; taken Fall and Spring semesters [required]
  And an additional 2 units chosen from:
  - Individualized Scientific Writing (CTS 585) – 2 units
  - Professional & Career Training Series (CTS 595D) – 2 units [for post-baccalaureate students]
  - Or similar courses in other departments by prior approval of the CTS program.

- Biostatistics:
  - Biostatistics in Public Health (BIOS 576A) – 3 units [offered online in Spring semester].

- Seminar and/or journal club/colloquium – 4 units total (1 unit per enrollment; 4 total enrollments).
  - Biomedical Sciences Journal Colloquium (CTS 595) – semester offered and topic differ by instructor/section.
  - Biomedical Sciences Seminar (CTS 696B) – offered Fall and Spring semester.
  - Students may take any regularly scheduled graduate seminar course in a department relevant to the student’s research interests. The CTS Director of Graduate Affairs can inquire whether a Phoenix student can join and participate remotely in a Tucson-based seminar. Postgraduate students may earn credit in CTS 696A for attendance at relevant grand rounds series in a clinical department.**
  - Students may take any regularly scheduled graduate journal club/colloquium course in a department relevant to the student’s research interests. The CTS Director of Graduate Affairs can inquire whether a Phoenix student can join and participate remotely in a Tucson-based journal club. Postgraduate students may earn credit in CTS 595 for participation in clinical case conferences or a clinical department journal club.**

- Dissertation Research (CTS 920) – 18 units

* May substitute other courses with CTS approval with the exception of CTS 920.
** Seminar or journal club credit for activities other than CTS courses toward Ph.D. requires prior approval from CTS.

Elective Options

- Informatics for Clinical Research (CTS 503) – 4 units [offered Spring semester]
- Neurodevelopment in Action (CTS 572) – 4 units [offered Spring semester]
- Human Systems Neuroscience (CTS 556) – 3 units [offered Spring semester]
- Functional Human Histology (CMM 525A) – 4 units [offered online in Fall semester]
- Basic Principles of Epidemiology (EPID 573A) – 3 units [offered online in Fall and Spring semester]
- Inflammation and Immune Pathology (CMM 550) – 1 unit [offered online in Spring semester]
- Immunology Basics (CMM 537) – 1 unit [offered online in Spring semester]
- Fundamentals of Cardiovascular Hematology (MEDP 620) – 6 units [offered Spring semester]
- Neuropharmacology (PHCL 553) – 3 units [offered Spring semester with video link to Phoenix campus]
- Or any other graduate courses recommended by the faculty mentor, including courses offered online.