

TIMELINE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A MASTERS THESIS IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

	1 st Autumn	1 st Winter	1 st Spring	Summer	2 nd Autumn	2 nd Winter	2 nd Spring
Input	Listen to 2 nd -year presentations	Several ideas	Initial Thesis Concept	Data to be used and questions to be addressed	First Draft of Final Proposal	Project Blueprint (Final Proposal)	Preliminary Results and Questions
Activity	Participate in seminar discussions Learn to do a literature search and do so in own interest area	Brainstorming Session Figure out connections to: • literature • resource-people • data	Write Proposal: • How it fits into literature • Dataset to be used • Plan A & Plan B for project ¹	File Human subjects application Work on writing Final Proposal	Present Final Proposal, including: • Literature Review • Conceptual Model • Data Descriptives • Analysis Plan	Do Analyses Think about the results: • Do they make sense? • Do they adequately test your hypotheses? • How can you present them clearly? Redo Analyses	Refine Interpretation Write up Results for Presentation 4 th week of Quarter: Complete draft of thesis due to committee Weeks 5-8: Revise thesis
Outcome	Raw ideas	Initial Thesis Concept	Firm Idea of Thesis Project	First Draft of Final Proposal	Complete Blueprint for Project ²	Preliminary Results	Final Results and Conclusions
Administrative Requirements			File “ <i>MPH Thesis Plan</i> ” form with Program Coordinator • Request funding by May 1 st .		Register for 3 credits with approval • Request funding by Nov. 1 st .	Register for 3 credits File online “ <i>Request to Graduate</i> ” with Grad School beginning 3 rd week of quarter	Register for 3 credits Pay binding fee of \$25 Submit 2 copies of thesis by 4:15pm last day of quarter
Presentations		5-10 minute presentation in brainstorming session with 10-15 minute response from audience	30 minute presentation on Preliminary Proposal		40 minute presentation of Final Proposal (25 min. presentation with 15 min. of questions/ suggestions)		20 Minute presentation of Final Results at Research Festival in late May

Notes:

1. Plan B is a backup in case Plan A doesn't work out. Plan A and Plan B might differ in terms of the question asked or the data set used.
2. At this point, your project should be sufficiently precisely defined that you could hand it over to another person and they could complete it faithfully to your original intent.