Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy research encompasses a multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that examines cost, access, and quality of pharmaceutical care from clinical, sociobehavioral, economic, organizational and technological perspectives.

Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy (PHOP) graduates are in high demand by the pharmaceutical industry, healthcare consulting groups, pharmacy benefit management companies, healthcare organizations, academia and government/regulatory agencies.

The PHOP Ph.D. degree program offers structured learning and experiences in health care systems, health care quality, health behavior, biostatistics, multivariate analyses, research methods and design, pharmacoepidemiology, and pharmacoeconomics.

Within the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy, our nine faculty members come from a range of backgrounds, including pharmacoepidemiology, outcomes research, public health, biostatistics, and sociobehavioral and administrative pharmacy.

The college and individual faculty members have established collaborative relationships with numerous colleagues and institutions throughout the Texas Medical Center (TMC) and beyond, offering abundant opportunities for multidisciplinary research in prospective and retrospective studies.

Current faculty and student projects include: psycho-pharmacoepidemiology in the elderly and pediatric/adolescent populations; HIV/AIDS prevention and education; medication labeling and health literacy; comparative safety and effectiveness; behavioral interventions; prescription drug abuse; health care quality; health disparities; and health information technology.

PHOP classrooms, graduate student workstations, and faculty offices are all located in UH College of Pharmacy’s new home in Health 2, a nine-story, 300,000-square-foot academic and research building that opened in 2017.