Considerations for Evaluating Prospective Doctoral Graduate Students

The Comparative Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics (CHOICE) Institute faculty considers the following factors to be important when evaluating the admissions materials of prospective doctoral students.

- A strong record of academic achievement
  - Emphasis on quantitative skills and critical thinking
- Prior experience working in fields related and/or applicable to health economics and outcomes research (HEOR)
- Leadership
- Demonstrated interest in HEOR
- Ability to communicate effectively in English, both verbally and in writing
- Ability to contribute to the CHOICE program’s learning environment

Materials evaluated include:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Academic degrees
- Grade point average (GPA)
- Courses completed
- Research experience
- Letters of recommendation
- Publications
- Conference attendance
- Statement of purpose
- Diversity statement (optional)
- Interviews
- English Proficiency (Graduate School Memo 8)
  - Required for international students for whom English is not their primary language

For the 2022 application cycle, the GRE is NOT REQUIRED and will not be used when reviewing applicants. This is due to challenges our applicants may have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic in accessing test centers.