The UNC Epidemiology SAS competency exam is offered to students with substantial experience with the statistical programming package SAS.

As described in the EPID 716 course description, a required class (spring semester of the first year) for every PhD epidemiology graduate student, proficiency in SAS is required. STATA, R, SPSS, or any other statistical programming packages are not accommodated.

Competency in SAS can be demonstrated in one of three ways: earning a P or better in EPID 700 (offered fall term only and restricted to EPID majors/minors) or BIOS 511 (offered fall term only) or earning an 80% or better on the 2022 competency exam.

If BIOS 511 is your preferred course option, please register for it now and drop it if you pass the exemption exam. Access to BIOS 511 is not guaranteed.

Auditing BIOS 511, prior courses in SAS, work experience etc. will not fulfill this requirement and SAS competency must be demonstrated by one of these three options before enrolling in EPID 716.

The take-home exam, data set, instructions for submission, and relevant readings will be posted on Sakai in May 2022 (https://www.unc.edu/sakai/).

- Email Dr. Yvonne Golightly and Dr. Mollie Wood for access to the Sakai site.
- The exam is due via email on July 22, 2022, by 5:00 PM ET.
- Students are notified of their grade during the next week. Please contact Yvonne Golightly if you have not received a notification email by August 5, 2022.

Students who do not pass the exam must enroll in EPID 700 or BIOS 511 during the fall semester if they intend to take EPID 716 the next spring semester. The competency exam will not be offered a second time and deadlines are strictly enforced.

Students without access to SAS over the summer, but who intend to complete this competency exam should email Dr. Yvonne Golightly and Dr. Mollie Wood for assistance.

Questions or wish to register for the exam?
If you have any further questions or wish to request access to the exam, please email Yvonne Golightly (golight@email.unc.edu) and Mollie Wood (mwood@unc.edu).