UNC EPIDEMIOLOGY SAS COMPETENCY EXAM   **DUE JULY 27, 2023**

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 programing 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 2023 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 June 2023 (https://www.unc.edu/sakai/). Email Dr. Christy Avery (christy_avery@unc.edu) for website access.

The exam is due via email on July 27, 2023, by 5:00 PM ET. Students are notified of their grade during the next week. Please contact Christy Avery if you have not received a notification email by August 4, 2023.

Students who do not pass the exam must enroll in EPID 700 or BIOS 511 during the Fall 2023 semester if they intend to take EPID 716 during the Spring 2024 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 Christy Avery for assistance.

If you have any further questions, please email Christy Avery.