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“I chose the Social Work PhD program at The University of Iowa for two main reasons. **First, I was able to leverage my social work education by taking outside courses in public health, and was even able to complete an MPH degree in conjunction with my PhD. Second, I was attracted to the various teaching opportunities that were offered to PhD students.** During my four years as a student, I was able to co-teach and independently teach a number of courses. This garnered me with me with a national teaching award and a University-level teaching award before I graduated. In addition, through working with social work and public health faculty, I gained an extraordinary amount of research experience. This culminated in original data collection for my dissertation research, which has now helped to propel my career.”