

Certificate in Public Health

A graduate certificate in public health provides documentation that a student has completed a core set of public health courses beyond the bachelor's degree level. Through the graduate certificate in public health program, graduates bring population-based health knowledge to their work in health and medicine. The program covers principles and issues in health care policy and administration, the social and behavioral aspects of public health, epidemiology, environmental health and biostatistics. Students have the option to focus on coursework in health care policy and administration or public health and aging.

The required courses for this certificate are based on the five areas defined by the Council on Education for Public Health to be the basic areas of public health knowledge. The courses are offered on a fixed schedule so that all are taught once a year. Students can complete the coursework (15 credit hours) in one academic year. All courses are offered fully online to allow for a flexible learning environment and to accommodate working professionals.

Admission

Admission to this graduate certificate program in public health requires that the applicant meets the following criteria:

1. Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, or a foreign university with substantially equivalent requirements for the bachelor's degree, and have a minimum GPA of 2.750 in the last 60 credit hours of coursework;
2. Demonstrate evidence of training and/or experience indicative of adequate preparation for the curriculum. This could include a degree in a recognized health profession, one or more years of responsible work experience in the health field, or other relevant evidence; and
3. Submit an official report of completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 88 or above, or overall band score of 7.0 on IELTS exam, or a score of 65 or above on the PTE-Academic exam if the native language is not English. This report must be no more than two years old at the time it is reviewed by the certificate admissions committee.

The deadline for guaranteed review of applications to the public health certificate program is June 1 for the fall semester, and November 1 for the spring semester.

Program Requirements

The total number of credit hours required for the certificate in public health is 15, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.000 or above and no grade that generates less than 2.000 credit points per credit hour. Students must complete the following courses:

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PHS 804	Principles of Statistics in the Health Sciences ¹	3
PHS 808	Principles of Epidemiology	3
PHS 814	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health	3
PHS 816	Environmental Health	3
<i>Select one of the following</i>		
PHS 812	Health Care Policy and Administration	3

or AGE 822

Advanced Perspectives of Public Health and Aging

Total Credit Hours 15

- ¹ A comparable graduate statistics course is allowed as substitution for PHS 804 with graduate advisor's consent.