

Public Health Sciences

The department of public health sciences offers a Master of Arts in aging studies and Master of Health Administration. Graduate certificates in senior living management, aging studies for health professionals, healthcare leadership, and public health are also available for degree and nondegree seeking individuals whose primary goal is core knowledge in those disciplines.

For the most current information or further questions, please refer to the public health sciences department website (<http://wichita.edu/phs/>)¹.

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Programs in Public Health Sciences

The School of Health Sciences, department of public health sciences offers the following degree programs:

- Master of Arts in Aging Studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/ma-in-aging-studies-age/>)
- Master of Health Administration (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/master-health-administration/>)
- MA in Aging Studies to Master of Health Administration (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/ma-aging-studies-to-mha/>)
- Master of Health Administration to MA in Aging Studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/mha-to-ma-aging-studies/>)
- Dual/Accelerated Bachelor's Degree to Master of Aging Studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/dualaccelerated-bachelors-degree-master-aging-studies/>)
- Dual/Accelerated BS in Health Management to Master of Health Administration (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/dualaccelerated-bs-health-management-master-health-administration/>)
- Graduate Emphasis in Aging Studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/graduate-emphasis-in-aging-studies/>)

Certificates in Public Health Sciences

Program Overview

- Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies for Health Professionals (https://www.wichita.edu/academics/majors/aging_studies_certificate_graduate.php)¹
- Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership (https://www.wichita.edu/academics/majors/health_administration_certificate_graduate_362.php)¹
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health (https://www.wichita.edu/academics/majors/public_health_certificate_graduate_341.php)¹
- Graduate Certificate in Senior Living Management

Curriculum Details

- Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies for Health Professionals (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/certificate-aging-studies-health-professionals/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/certificate-healthcare-leadership/>)

- Graduate Certificate in Public Health (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/graduate-certificate-public-health-program/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Senior Living Management (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/certificate-senior-living-management/>)

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Administrator-in-Training (AIT) Practicum Placement

The AIT practicum placement is available to individuals with a bachelor's degree, who have had coursework and/or professional experience in aging studies or long-term care; management concepts; and finance or accounting.

Students who hold a bachelor's degree and are interested in pursuing the AIT practicum as a nondegree seeking student can register online to complete the practicum through Wichita State University's conference and community education office. Graduate students pursuing the Master of Arts in aging studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/ma-in-aging-studies-age/>), senior living management concentration can complete the AIT practicum for 3 credit hours (PHS 660) as the culminating experience.

The AIT is designed to place qualified applicants in a 480-clock-hour practicum placement with a qualified nursing home administrator, as part of the preparation necessary for becoming a licensed nursing home administrator in the state of Kansas. The 480 practicum hours can begin at any point during the year, but must be completed within one year. The student works with their site preceptor to establish a schedule.

Students without relevant coursework and/or professional experience are encouraged to apply to the aging studies, nondegree category and pursue the graduate certificate in senior living management. The AIT practicum course PHS 660 can be completed for 3 credit hours of the 12 credit hour graduate certificate. All 12 credit hours of the graduate certificate transfer to the Master of Arts in aging studies program for those interested in advancing their education.

Senior Living Management Coursework Recommendations

Interested students who already hold a bachelor's degree are highly encouraged to consider the Master of Arts in aging studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/ma-in-aging-studies-age/>), senior living management concentration to advance their education and maximize their career potential in senior living.

Course	Title	Hours
PHS 560	Community Resources and Aging Network	3
PHS 562	Senior Living Operations	3
PHS 626	Senior Living Hospitality	3
PHS 622	Human Resource Management in Health Care Organizations	3
PHS 765	The Medicare System	3
PHS 803	Healthcare Finance	3

Courses in Public Health Sciences

- Public Health Sciences (PHS) (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/phs/>)