

# B.S. in Public Health

Community Health Concentration

Department of Health, Physical and Secondary Education

## Program Information

The Department of Health, Physical and Secondary Education offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health with a concentration in Community Health. The degree requires 120 credit hours.

A Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health focuses on prevention, promotion, protection, and population-based health care services and provides an individual with the knowledge and skills needed to function as a change agent with the capability to address intergenerational health problems of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Therefore, this program supports FSU's mission to provide students with the highest quality learning experiences that will produce global citizens and leaders as change agents for shaping the future of the State.

Program outcomes are aligned with the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#):

- Data Analytics and Assessment Skills
- Policy Development and Program Planning Skills
- Communication Skills
- Health Equity Skills
- Community Partnership Skills
- Public Health Sciences Skills
- Management and Finance Skills
- Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills

## Admission Requirements

### To the Department

Students entering the Department of Health, Physical and Secondary Education must complete a [Declaration of Major Form](#) (access through the QR code below) to receive departmental advisement and be assigned an advisor in the major concentration. All majors must choose a Bachelor of Science in Public Health.

Once the Major has been declared students are required to complete the following steps:

- Meet with their Major Advisor prior to enrolling in courses
- Complete and sign a declared major new program of study



## Graduation Requirements

Students in the Public Health Degree must meet the following requirements to be **eligible for graduation**:

- Complete all courses in the University College Core Curriculum;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; and
- Earn a grade of C or higher in all PUHE, COHE, HEED major core courses, STATS, ENGL, and advisor approved electives.

**To apply for graduation**, the candidate must:

- Apply for graduation
- Pay \$75 application fee
- Spring Candidates should apply for graduation by March 30 of the same year
- Fall candidates should apply for graduation by October 30 of the same year
- To apply for graduation, follow the [Banner Student Online Graduation Application Instructions](#)
- Transcripts will be updated with "Degree Awarded" and diplomas mailed 4-6 weeks after graduation.

## Program Requirements

### University College Core Curriculum

**39 Credit Hours**

### Public Health Core Courses

**48 Credit Hours**

|                      |   |           |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| PUHE 200             | Introduction to Public Health                             | 3 credits |
| PUHE 290             | Advancing Health Equity                                   | 3 credits |
| PUHE 310             | Theory and Practice in Public Health                      | 3 credits |
| PUHE 311             | Environmental Health                                      | 3 credits |
| PUHE 330             | Health Theory and Behavior                                | 3 credits |
| PUHE 340             | Communication in Health                                   | 3 credits |
| PUHE 360             | Global Health   | 3 credits |
| PUHE 410             | Introduction to Epidemiology                              | 3 credits |
| PUHE 411             | Public Health Problems                                    | 3 credits |
| PUHE 460             | Public Health Fieldwork Preparation                       | 3 credits |
| PUHE 470             | Seminar in Public Health (Fall and Spring only)           | 3 credits |
| PUHE 480             | Field Work in Public Health (Fall and Spring only)        | 9 credits |
| STATS 202            | Basic Probability Stats                                   | 3 credits |
| ENGL 344 or ENGL 345 | Business and Professional Writing or<br>Technical Writing | 3 credits |

## Community Health Concentration

### Community Health Core Courses

**33 Credit Hours**

|           |                              |           |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| COHE 201  | Community Health Experiences | 3 credits |
| COHE 320  | Health Program Planning      | 3 credits |
| COHE 321  | Health Program Evaluation    | 3 credits |
| COHE 400  | Community Health Engagement  | 3 credits |
| HEED 215  | Women's Health               | 3 credits |
| HEED 300  | Human Sexuality              | 3 credits |
| HEED 301  | Drug Education               | 3 credits |
| HEED 310  | Mental and Emotional Health  | 3 credits |
| HEED 420  | Nutrition                    | 3 credits |
| Electives | Advisor Approved Electives   | 6 credits |

**Note – Student must be classified as a Junior or Senior to enroll in 400 level courses.**

## Contact Information

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH - 120 Credits

#### Community Health Concentration

Dr. Danielle Nesbitt  
[dnesbitt@uncfsu.edu](mailto:dnesbitt@uncfsu.edu)  
Chairperson

Dr. Melissa Haithcox-Dennis  
[mhaithco@uncfsu.edu](mailto:mhaithco@uncfsu.edu)  
Program Coordinator

College of Education

Fayetteville State University

1200 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

Health, Physical Education and Recreation Complex, Room 331, Office: 910-672-1115

[www.uncfsu.edu/hpse](http://www.uncfsu.edu/hpse)