

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 an option of a concentration in Community Health or Gerontology. 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 21st 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, GEHE, and HEED major core courses.

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

51 Credit Hours

PUHE 200	Introduction to Public Health	3 credits
PUHE 270	Consumer Health	3 credits
PUHE 310	Theory and Practice in Public Health	3 credits
PUHE 320	Needs Assessment and Program Planning	3 credits
PUHE 321	Health Program Implementation and Evaluation	3 credits
PUHE 330	Health Behavior and Counseling	3 credits
PUHE 340	Communication in Health	3 credits
PUHE 350	Health Research Methods	3 credits
PUHE 360	Global Health	3 credits
PUHE 410	Introduction to Epidemiology	3 credits
PUHE 411	Public Health Problems	3 credits
PUHE 470	Seminar in Public Health	3 credits
PUHE 480	Field Work in Public Health	12 credits
SOCI 331	Social Statistics	3 credits

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

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Core Courses: 30 Credits

COHE 201	Introduction to Community 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
COHE 311	Environmental Health	3 credits
COHE 400	Community Health Organizing	3 credits
COHE 401	School Health Program	3 credits
Elective	Free Elective (Advisor approval needed)	3 credits
Elective	Public Health Electives (GEHE or HEED)	3 credits

Contact Information

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Gerontology Concentration

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