



PUBLIC HEALTH

KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY

College of Health and
Human Sciences

OUR PROGRAM

The public health program focuses on teaching students the science of protecting and improving the health of people and communities by promoting healthy lifestyle behaviors, studying chronic disease and injury prevention, developing disaster preparedness plans, and detecting, preventing and responding to infectious diseases. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in public health as well as other health related fields. The program includes a core set of fundamental public health courses, research and health promotion practice methods courses, a three-course practicum experience and capstone series, and a variety of public health electives. The program is designed to give students the flexibility to choose additional coursework electives to tailor the degree to specific interests or meet the needs of a health professional school, such as medicine, nursing or physical therapy. As a collaborative degree, courses are offered across multiple departments and colleges, exposing student to a breadth of public health topic areas and providing a comprehensive education in the field.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Only bachelor's degree program of its kind among Kansas Board of Regents schools • Council on Education for Public Health accredited program • Real-world exposure to public health through applied field experiences during the practicum • Flexibility to tailor degree electives to a broad range of interests and health professions schools • Accelerated pathway with Master of Public Health program • Graduates are prepared to take the Certified Health Education Specialist, CHES, or Certified Public Health, CPH, exams • Dedicated student organizations for specific health professions • Education abroad opportunities

POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Health Educator
- Epidemiologist
- Health Care Administrator
- Physician
- Occupational Health & Safety Specialist
- Emergency Management Director
- Nurse
- Health Communications Coordinator

*Some careers require additional education

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Sample course sequence guide

Fall

Introduction to Public Health
Expository Writing I
Well-being 1: You & Community
Social Science Course
Social Science Course

1

13 hours

Spring

Well-being 2: Mind & Body
Public Speaking I
Principles of Biology
Expository Writing II
Elementary Statistics*

14 hours

Fall

Health Promotion & Behavior
Natural & Physical Science Course & Lab
Methods & Analysis of Public Health
Public Health Biology
Unrestricted Elective

2

16 hours

Spring

Seminar in Public Health Practice
Introduction to Epidemiology
Environmental & Public Health
Social Determinants & Diversity in Public Health
Unrestricted Elective
Unrestricted Elective

16 hours

Fall

Health Promotion Practice Methods
Health Communications
Arts & Humanities Course
Unrestricted Elective
Unrestricted Elective

3

16 hours

Spring

Anatomy & Physiology
Public Health Elective
Public Health Elective

14 hours

Summer: Public Health Practicum

3 hours

Fall

Public Health Elective
Public Health Elective
Arts & Humanities Course
Unrestricted Elective
Unrestricted Elective

4

15 hours

Spring

Capstone Project in Public Health
Well-being 3: Money & Meaning
Program Planning & Evaluation
Health Policy & Administration
Unrestricted Elective

13 hours

120 hours are required for degree completion. Public health majors must receive a "C" or better in all public health courses. The College of Health and Human Sciences requires a "C" or higher in Professional Studies courses. *Course is preferred but not required.