

PUBLIC HEALTH (M)

This degree offers a mission-focused perspective on public health and prepares you to serve as a globally minded citizen working to protect and promote the public's health. It is an engaging, multidisciplinary educational program filled with practical application opportunities to prepare you to be a strong, competitive candidate in the public health sector. In this degree program, you will have the opportunity to personalize your path depending on your interest. Regardless of which concentration you choose, all undergraduate students will complete a minimum of 120 credits, including 45 credit hours of general education core curricula, 25 credit hours of required public health coursework, and 3 credit hours of a culminating/capstone project. Students may choose to enroll in one of the following two concentrations:

Community health concentration:

This concentration integrates many disciplines and allows you to tailor your study with selectives from programs such as environmental studies, communication, nutrition, social work, sociology, psychology, political science, public policy, health and human performance, and more to create an educational experience unique to you. You will be prepared to enter the public health field in numerous professional and community settings such as non-profit organizations, hospitals and health systems, governmental agencies, schools, and private businesses. A bachelor's in public health also provides the foundation for future graduate degrees, such as a masters' in public health, social work, occupational therapy, public policy, or healthcare administration.

Pre-clinical concentration:

This concentration provides the undergraduate public health student with a strong foundation in the basic sciences and prepares them to continue their education by pursuing a graduate degree in a health profession, such as pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, or other medical program.

All students complete the public health core courses, which provide foundational knowledge to improve the public's health at the policy and community level.

Program Learning Outcomes

Through this degree program, all graduating students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the concepts and core values of public and population health
- Employ Christian service by protecting and promoting the public's health
- Apply teamwork, leadership, and professionalism principles to address health-related needs and concerns of populations
- Locate, use, evaluate, and synthesize public health information
- Communicate public health information, in both oral and written forms and through a variety of media, to diverse audiences

The community health concentration will also prepare you to:

- Discuss the diversity and unique public health-related needs of specific populations in the context of achieving health equity
- Build trust and rapport with communities served
- Outline strategies to build individual and community capacity

The pre-clinical concentration will also prepare you to:

- Demonstrate a robust understanding of various science and math concepts and how they relate to public health knowledge and skills
- Compare and contrast individual health approaches and population-based public health approaches to care
- Prepare to advocate for public health issues within the healthcare context

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		45
Major Requirements		28
Concentration Requirements		24-32
Electives		15-23
<i>Community Health Concentration</i>		
Community Health Concentration Selectives (32 credits) and Electives (15 credits)		
<i>Pre-clinical Concentration</i>		
Pre-clinical Concentration Required Courses (24 credits) and Electives (23 credits)		
Total Hours		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
BIO 1300	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology ¹	
BIO 1801	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ²	
MATH 2050	Statistics I	
PHIL 3500	Bioethical Dilemmas in Contemporary Society	
Required Major Courses		
PH 1050	Introduction to Public Health	3
PH 2050	A Public Health Perspective on Community, Culture, and Advocacy	3
PH 2100	Public Health Research, Evaluation and Ethics	3
PH 3000	Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System	3
PH 3050	Public Health Communication	3
PH 3100	Public Health Interventions and Program Planning	3
NURS 3131	Community Wellness Theory	3
PH 3200	Navigating Public Health Careers	3
IPE 4900	Understanding IPE through the Experiences of Working Professionals	1
PH 4500	Baccalaureate Project in Public Health	3
Required Concentration Courses		24-32
<i>Community Health Concentration Selectives (32 credits) ³</i>		
<i>Pre-clinical Concentration Required Courses (24 credits)</i>		
BIO 1501	Functional Human Biology I	
BIO 1502	Functional Human Biology II	
CHEM 1414	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 1424	General Chemistry II	
CHEM 2414	Organic Chemistry I	
PHYS 1514	General Physics I	
Electives		15-23
Total Hours		75

¹ Required for the Community Health Concentration

² Required for the Pre-clinical Concentration

³ Courses will be selected in consultation with your advisor. Selectives may include, but are not limited to, courses from BIO, COMM, CSC, CSLL, ENV, EXPH, HCM, HHP, MGMT, NURS, PHIL, POLS, PSY, RSC, SOC, SW

Plan - Community Health

Course	Title	Hours
Semester 1		
CCE 1010	Christian Citizen	3
ENG 1040	Introduction to Writing	3
PH 1050	Introduction to Public Health	3
BIO 1300	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology	4
HHP 1100	Stewardship of the Body	1
Hours		14
Semester 2		
REL 1100	Christian Faith	3
CCE 1030	Western Thought & Worldview	3
REL 1000	The Bible	3
MATH 2050	Statistics I	3
HHP ACTIVITY		1
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3
Hours		16
Semester 3		
REL 3100	Religion in America Today	3
CCE 1020	Western Culture & Worldview	3
PH 2050	A Public Health Perspective on Community, Culture, and Advocacy	3
COMM 1100 or COMM 2100	Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication	3
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3
Hours		15
Semester 4		
CCE 1040	Science & Humanity	3
PHIL 3500	Bioethical Dilemmas in Contemporary Society	3
HUMAN CREATIVITY & EXPRESSION		3
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
PH 3000	Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System	3
Hours		15
Semester 5		
PH 2100 or PSY 3500	Public Health Research, Evaluation and Ethics or Experimental Psychology	3
NURS 3131	Community Wellness Theory	3
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
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Hours		15
Semester 6		
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3
PH 3100	Public Health Interventions and Program Planning	3
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
PH 3050	Public Health Communication	3
Hours		15
Semester 7		
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3
PH 3200	Navigating Public Health Careers	3
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3

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ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
Hours		15
Semester 8		
PH 4500	Baccalaureate Project in Public Health	3
PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE		3
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ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Course options and schedule are subject to change.

Plan - Pre-Clinical

Course	Title	Hours
Semester 1		
BIO 1501	Functional Human Biology I	4
CHEM 1414	General Chemistry I	4
HHP 1100	Stewardship of the Body	1
REL 1000	The Bible	3
CCE 1020	Western Culture & Worldview	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
BIO 1502	Functional Human Biology II	4
CHEM 1424	General Chemistry II	4
ENG 1040	Introduction to Writing	3
COMM 1100 or COMM 2100	Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication	3
Hours		14
Semester 3		
CHEM 2414	Organic Chemistry I	4
PH 1050	Introduction to Public Health	3
BIO 1801	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
CCE 1010	Christian Citizen	3
MATH 2050	Statistics I	3
Hours		17
Semester 4		
PHYS 1514	General Physics I	4
PH 3000	Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System	3
CCE 1040	Science & Humanity	3
REL 1100	Christian Faith	3
CHEM 2424	Organic Chemistry II	4
Hours		17
Semester 5		
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
NURS 3131	Community Wellness Theory	3
PH 2100 or PSY 3500	Public Health Research, Evaluation and Ethics or Experimental Psychology	3
PHIL 3500	Bioethical Dilemmas in Contemporary Society	3
PH 2050	A Public Health Perspective on Community, Culture, and Advocacy	3
Hours		15
Semester 6		
HUMAN CREATIVITY & EXPRESSION		3
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
PH 3050	Public Health Communication	3
PH 3100	Public Health Interventions and Program Planning	3
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
Hours		15

Semester 7

IPE 4900	Understanding IPE through the Experiences of Working Professionals	1
PH 3200	Navigating Public Health Careers	3
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
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CCE 1030	Western Thought & Worldview	3
Hours		13

Semester 8

PH 4500	Baccalaureate Project in Public Health	3
REL 3100	Religion in America Today	3
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3
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HHP ACTIVITY		1
Hours		14
Total Hours		120

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