Graduate Certificate in Public Health Program

Prepare yourself with a graduate certificate in public health to respond to the rapidly changing health care field. Enrich your knowledge of public health and expand your options of moving up in your chosen career.

A graduate certificate in public health provides documentation that you have completed a core set of public health courses beyond the bachelor’s degree level. Through the graduate certificate in public health program you will bring population-based health knowledge to your work in health and medicine. The program covers principles and issues in health care policy and administration, the social and behavioral aspects of public health, epidemiology, environmental health, and biostatistics.

The required courses for this certificate are based on the five areas defined by the Council on Education for Public Health to be the basic areas of public health knowledge. You can complete the course work (15 credit hours) in 24 months. The courses are offered at 4:30 p.m. or later to accommodate working professionals.

Applications to the public health certificate program will be considered as they are received.
Program benefits include:

- **Access to a comprehensive, urban university**
- **Quality instruction by diverse and knowledgeable faculty**
- **Convenient late afternoon and evening courses**
- **Successfully completed certificate course work which may, with approval, be applied to the MPH degree**
- **Networking opportunities with current public health practitioners and other health professionals**

The faculty in the certificate program in public health includes nationally recognized scholars who are widely published. These outstanding teachers have been honored for their excellence in the classroom, and as local, regional, and national leaders in both professional and community service. Faculty expertise includes health care systems, long-term care, managed care, community assessment, health education, health care leadership, biostatistics, epidemiology, and clinical trials.

Students who complete the certificate in public health will bring basic public health competencies to their work in health and medicine.

Admission to this graduate certificate program in public health requires that the applicant:

- Possess a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution, or a foreign university with substantially equivalent requirements for the bachelor’s degree, and have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in the last 60 hours of course work.
• Demonstrate evidence of training and/or experience indicative of adequate preparation for the curriculum. This could include a degree in a recognized health profession, one or more years of responsible work experience in the health field, or other relevant evidence.

• Submit an official report of completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a composite score of 570 or above, if the native language is not English. This report must be no more than two years old at the time it is reviewed by the certificate admissions committee.

The total number of credit hours required for the certificate in public health is 15, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above and no grades below “C” (2.0 GPA). Students must complete the following courses:

- PHS 804 Principles of Statistics in the Health Sciences 3 credit hours
- PHS 808 Principles of Epidemiology 3 credit hours
- PHS 812 Health Care Policy and Administration 3 credit hours
- PHS 814 Social & Behavioral Aspects of Public Health 3 credit hours
- PHS 816 Environmental Health 3 credit hours

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