



## **Graduate Certificate in Public Health**

Graduate Certificates are awarded to students who desire interdisciplinary course work to compliment their graduate degree program or to students who, for academic, personal, or professional reasons, desire graduate-level education not leading to a graduate degree.

The Certificate in Public Health is a 15 hour program that provides documentation that you have completed a core set of public health courses beyond the bachelor's degree level. Through the certificate in public health, graduates will bring population-based health knowledge to their 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. Students can complete the coursework (15 credit hours) in 24 months. The courses are offered at 4:30pm or later to accommodate working professionals. The required courses are:

- 3 hrs – PHS 804: Principles of Statistics in Health Sciences
- 3 hrs – PHS 808: Principles of Epidemiology
- 3 hrs – PHS 812: Health Care Policy and Administration
- 3 hrs – PHS 814: Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health
- 3 hrs – PHS 816: Environmental Health

Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.00 overall, with no grade that generates less than 2.00 credit points per credit hour.

Completion process:

1. Student must notify the program area in writing of intent to complete the certificate.
2. In the semester the certificate requirements are met students must:
  - Prepare (with graduate advisor) and submit (to the Graduate School) a Plan of Study (for the certificate).
  - Submit an Application for Graduate Certificate form, along with the \$15.00 filing fee, to the Graduate School no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day of classes for the fall or spring semester or the 10<sup>th</sup> day of classes for the summer semester.

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor's degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor's degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor's graduate work, and no more than 9 hours of background deficiencies in the desired field.

2. Applicants must 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. Assessment of work experience will be conducted on the basis of a written job description(s) of the scope of the duties obtained from prior or current employer(s).

3. Applicants must submit an official report of completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a composite score of 570 paper-based or 230 computer-based, if the native language is not English OR a minimum overall band score of 7.0 on the IELTS examination. This score report must be no older than two years old at the time it is reviewed by the certificate admissions committee.

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