

Public Health

2023-2024 Catalog Year

The Department of Rehabilitation and Health Services offers a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. The Public Health degree program prepares professionals to promote health and identify, prevent and solve health problems at community, local, national, and global levels. Public Health prepares students with knowledge and skills to promote health. It draws on knowledge from the social, behavioral, and health sciences.

Our degree program is well suited for students invested in building healthy communities here in the DFW area, nationally and globally. We are situated in an academic department which promotes interdisciplinary solutions to health issues that affect diverse communities across the lifespan. Due to the broad, generalist focus of this program, upon completion individuals may pursue careers within various public hospitals, health departments, health insurance companies, as well as non-profits in the public health care industry. They can also continue with graduate school education for advanced degrees in Public Health.

Graduates of our program may choose from a wide variety of specializations enabling them to succeed in many different roles in health care. The HPS Student Services Advising Office assists students with degree planning. The Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health at the University of North Texas consists of 120 college credit hours. The degree requires 42 hours of general academics, 39 hours in the major, 9 hours in Public Health electives, plus an additional 30 hours of free electives.

Opportunities in Public Health:

- Community Health
- Policy & Health Management
- Environmental Health
- Nutritional Health
- Health Comm. & Public Relations
- Pediatric Health
- Social & Behavioral Health
- Epidemiology

Major Requirements

Public Health Core (39 credit hours):

The following requirements must be satisfied for a Bachelor of Science in Public Health.

PUBH 1010	Introduction to Public Health	PUBH 4015	Ethics in Public Health
PUBH 2010	Epidemiological Concepts & Methods for Public Health	PUBH 4020	Biostatistics (Pre-requisite: MATH 1680 Statistics)
PUBH 2015	Research Methods in Public Health	PUBH 4050	Public Health & Health Policy
PUBH 3010	Social Justice & Behavioral Foundations in Public Health	PUBH 4060	Public Health Management & Leadership
PUBH 3020	Community & Public Health Education	PUBH 4070	Public Health Informatics
PUBH 3025	Environmental Health	PUBH 4080	Public Health Capstone
PUBH 3030	Global Public Health		

Public Health Electives (9 credit hours – Choose any 3 of the following):

ADDS 4075	Drugs and Alcohol	GEOG 3120	Medical Geography
ADDS 4275	Alcohol, Drugs, & Disability	GEOG 4560	Introduction to GIS Programming
AGER 4020	Psychology of Death & Dying (PSYC 4020)	GEOG 4580	GIS in Health
AGER 4780	Aging Programs & Services	PADM 4200	Leadership Theory & Practice for Volunteer Managers
ANTH 4210	Culture and Human Sexuality	PHIL 2600	Ethics in Science
ANTH 4220	Anthropology in Public Health	PHIL 3440	Bioethics
ANTH 4400	Environmental Anthropology	RHAB 3000	Micro-counseling
COMM 3220	Health Communication	RHAB 3100	Disability & Society
EADP 3010	Introduction to Emergency Management	RHAB 4200	Physical & Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
EADP 3045	Disaster Response & Recovery	RHAB 4300	Introduction to Psychiatric Rehabilitation
EADP 4010	Public Health & Disasters	SOCI 3120	Sociology of Health & Illness
EADP 4050	Social Vulnerability in Disasters	SOCI 3560	Sociology of Disasters
EADP 4090	Terrorism & Emergency Management	SOWK 4430	Applied Social Welfare Policy

Must have a 2.5 major GPA to graduate with a BS in Public Health