

Bachelor's in Public Health

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The program provides a comprehensive education in population health, health policy, public health practice, epidemiology, environmental health, and social and behavioral health concepts. It is coupled with practical fieldwork experience in local and regional health organizations and undergraduate research opportunities. Students have a dedicated academic advisor to guide you through the coursework, professional development and networking opportunities and an experienced faculty mentor to curve their career pathway in public health and healthcare. The program may be completed full-time or part-time.

IS THIS DEGREE FOR YOU?

- Students who are passionate about health and improving public health outcomes
- Those looking to pursue diverse careers such as becoming an epidemiologist, public health analyst or health educator

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Students can enhance their skills through a broad range of guided elective options.

This includes Pre-Health courses, one (or two) minors, graduate courses or create their own plan in consultation with an academic advisor.

WHERE OUR GRADUATES ARE

Graduates are prepared to enter the workforce as health educators, preventive specialists, program coordinators health outreach specialists, health policy analysts, epidemiologists and health services managers in federal and state agencies, healthcare settings, non-profit organizations, research and academic institutes, and consultants.

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How to Apply

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

PUBLIC HEALTH

120 CREDIT HOURS

TO DECLARE

- General Education required courses and a GPA of 2.0 or above.

Students are required to complete the following coursework:

- General education courses - 41 credit hours
- Intergrated public health course courses - 36 credit hours
- Field experience and Capstone - 4 credit hours
- Guided elective courses - 39 credit hours





PRE-HEALTH PATHWAY

The program complements a pre-health degree plan for students intending to pursue professional education in medicine, nursing, allied health, or other health professions completing most of the pre-health courses as part of the General Education and elective courses for the BSPH degree. The program is very flexible and can be tailored to prepare you to pursue graduate degrees in many health and medical fields.

ACCELERATED BACHELOR-TO-MASTER PROGRAM

ABM students will get advanced knowledge and skills in public health, epidemiology, behavioral science and biostatistics. This program is suitable for students who seek to advance their education and career and transition to MPH degree.

CURRICULUM

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES - 41 CREDIT HOURS

- Communication | 9 hours – 3 courses
- Mathematics | 3 hours – 1 course
- Literature | 3 hours – 1 course
- Humanities/Fine Arts | 6 hours – 2 courses
- History | 6 hours – 2 courses
- Social/Behavioral Sciences | 6 hours – 2 courses
- Natural Science | 8 hours – 2 courses with Lab

INTEGRATED PUBLIC HEALTH CORE - 36 CREDIT HOURS

- Climate and Environmental Health*
- Social Determinants and Health Disparities*
- Health Data Analytics and Informatics*
- Health Crises and Milestones in Global Public Health*
- Public Health in Action*
- Population Health Program Design & Intervention
- Health Behavior Theory and Practice
- Public Health Research Methods
- Population Health Program Evaluation
- Developing Public Health Messages & Strategies
- Biological and Behavioral Basis of Disease
- Public Health Management and Policy

FIELD EXPERIENCE & CAPSTONE - 4 CREDIT HOURS

- Fieldwork | 2 hours
- Capstone Experience | 2 hours

GUIDED ELECTIVE COURSES - 39 HOURS

Select thirteen (13) guided elective courses from the following sections in any combination in consultation with your academic advisor:

I. Public Health Elective Courses

Environmental Health in the Media
Epidemics and Pandemics
Fundamentals of Population Health Informatics
Ethical Considerations in Emergency Preparedness
Health Disparities in Chronic Disease
Environment & Climate Health Practice and Application
Public Health & Social Justice
Global Refugee Crises as a Public Health Concern

II. Pre-Health Courses

Students can select any of the pre-health courses such as: Biology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry and Physics. These pre-health courses will prepare students interested in pursuing a career in: Medical Technology, Respiratory Therapy and more.

III. Population Health Informatics Minor

Select eighteen (18) credit hours with the help of an advisor to complete a minor in Population Health Informatics.

IV. Accelerated Bachelor's to MPH (ABM) Program

Students (seniors) with GPA of 3.25 criteria can be admitted to the program and enroll in these graduate level courses:
Foundations of Public Health
Social and Behavioral Science Principles
Biostatistical Methods I
Epidemiology in Public Health I

V. Interdisciplinary Elective Courses

Courses may be selected from: Anthropology, Sociology, Communication, Health Sciences, Nutrition, Social Work and other disciplines.

VI. Courses In Other Programs

Courses may be selected from other programs and can count toward electives with the approval of an advisor.