Nebraska Wesleyan University

Public Health (B.S.)

Catalog

2024-2025

Program Description

Public Health is the field of study focused on preventing illness and promoting health in individuals, communities and society as a whole. The Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree is designed to be flexible, and yet provide disciplinary breadth for students interested in an entry-level career or graduate studies in public health. Students will take courses from a core program, and are suggested to select electives which best complement their specific area of interest in Public Health. Additionally, a minor might be recommended for students based on their specific area of interest.

Departments

1. Health and Human Performance (Undergraduate)

Public Health Major (50-54 hours)

Public Health Core	17 hours
HHP 1320 Introduction to Allied Health	1 hour
HHP 2250 The History of Public Health	3 hours
HHP 3250 Health Services	3 hours
HHP 4350 Public Health Studies I: Current Topics and Politics	3 hours
HHP 4450 Public Health Studies II: Demographics, Geo-Spatial Mapping, Qualitative Research	3 hours
HHP 3990 Professional Engagement	1 hour
HHP 4970 Internship	3 hours
HHP 4990 Senior Capstone	1 hour
Statistics	**3-4 hours**
Choose one: • BUSAD 2100 Business and Economic Statistics • MATH 1300 Statistics • PSYCH 2100 Psychological Statistics • POLSC 2000 Introduction to Political Science Statistics • SOC 2910 Social Statistics • or another department approved option	3-4 hours
STEM Area	**15 hours**
CHEM 1110 Chemical Principles I /CHEM 1110L	4 hours
BIO 1400FYW Introduction to Biological Inquiry	4 hours
Additional natural science courses	7 hours
Public Health Electives	**15 hours**

Minimum of 3 hours must come from each area. Remaining elective may come from any area, with a minimum of 6 elective/supporting area credits taken at a 3000/4000 level.

Area A: Policies and Systems (select from the following)

- ECON 1530 Macroeconomic Principles
- ECON 1540 Microeconomic Principles
- HHP 2020 Consumer, Community, and Environment Health Issues
- HHP 3350 Health Economics
- IDS 1500 Introduction to Global Human Health
- POLSC 2090 Introduction to Public Policy
- POLSC 2720 Global Environmental Politics
- RELIG 2250 Religion, Peace and Social Justice
- SOCWK 3450 Social Work in Health Care

3 hours

Area B: Social and Environmental Health (select from the following)

- BIO 4700 Pathophysiology
- HHP 1260 Human Health and Wellness
- HHP 2030 Human Sexuality
- HHP 2040 Stress and Disease Management
- HHP 2500 Basic Human Nutrition
- HHP 3450 Epidemiology
- NURS 3040 Global Health
- PSYCH 2350 Lifespan Development
- SOC 2530 Population and Environment
- SOC 3220 Thinking SocioLogically: Medical Sociology
- SOCWK 2410 Loss, Death and Grief

3 hours

Area C: Health Promotion and Communication (select from the following)

- COMM 1510 Intercultural Communication
- COMM 2550 Health Communication
- COMM 3300 Public Relations
- HHP 3100 Worksite Health Promotion
- HHP 3550 Health Methods
- PSYCH 2450 Health Psychology
- PSYCH 3370 Adult Development and Aging
- SOCWK 2270 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- SOCWK 2280 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II

3 hours

Additional Electives

Select 5 hours of additional courses from the list above which may include IDS 1500 Introduction to Global Human Health; HHP 1260 Human Health and Wellness; HHP 2040 Stress and Disease Management; and/or HHP 2500 Basic Human Nutrition

5 hours