Health Science - Community Health Option, B.S.

DEPARTMENT

BS in Health Science - Community Health Option, B.S.
MPH in Public Health - Health Promotion Option, M.P.H.
BS in Health Science - Health Administration Option, B.S.
BS in Health Science - Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Option, B.S.
MN in Public Health, Minor

REQUIREMENTS

Department

Bachelor of Science Requirements

Health Science Major

The Health Science Bachelor of Science curriculum consists of a core of five courses providing a foundation of knowledge and skills critical to the theory and practice of the health professional. In addition, students complete a specialized cluster of courses in an option that provides the depth and breadth for the area. A variety of combinations between and within options is possible to meet professional goals. However, university policy allows only one option to appear on the transcript and diploma.

To complete the health science major for the B.S., students must complete General Education requirements (49 units), a health science core specific to an option (15 units), one of three options (21-27 units), and any additional requirements to the option selected (11-33 units), the upper-division writing skills requirement, Multicultural and International (M/I), and additional electives. Students are encouraged to complete the additional requirements prior to the major courses as the courses may meet General Education requirements, and they provide a foundation for the courses in health science. Elective units also may be used toward earning a certificate.

Health science students are advised to obtain an advising roadmap from the department office. The roadmap includes the list of required courses. It is strongly recommended that students follow the coursework shown in the roadmap. Students need to consult with their advisers for decisions regarding major and minor courses. All substitutions must be approved by the department chair. Classes offered in the Health Science Department may require field assignments.

Community Health Option

Due to the increasing number of opportunities in the area of health, we have structured courses in epidemiology, community and environmental health to complement basic courses in health behavior, health education methods, contemporary health issues, disease, drugs, and human sexuality. The curriculum is designed to prepare individuals not only to be competent instructors in the health areas, but to be health educators in many segments of our society. Upon completion of the degree, students would be eligible to take the certified test to become a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

Industry, business, labor, and the military all seek knowledgeable individuals to plan and direct health delivery and information services. Advanced study in health systems and evaluation techniques of health systems is available to qualified undergraduate and graduate students.

1. Community Health Option (42 units)

Health Science Core for Community Health Option (15 units)
PH 92, 100, 109, 161, 163

Requirements (27 units)
Option requirements: PH 90, 91, 110, 114, 131, 133, 135 (21 units)

Additional requirements (15 units)
BIOL 10 or 110; CHEM 3A, 3B; BIOL 33

2. General Education requirements (49 units)
3. Other requirements (6 units)
Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)*

5. Total units (120)**

* This total indicates that 9 units for BIOL 10, CHEM 3A and PH 90 are used to satisfy the G.E. requirement in the option.
  • A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required for acceptance into the Community Health Option.
  • A minimum grade of C is required in all Health Science core courses (PH 92, 100, 109, 161, 163) and core option courses (PH 90, 91, 110, 114, 131, 133, 135).

** G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. See advisor for details.

Advising Note
Health science majors may not apply CR/NC grading toward major requirements for a baccalaureate degree, except for PH 175I, PH 185FI, and PH 188I, which are mandatory CR/NC courses.

FACULTY

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.