

PUBLIC HEALTH GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: PH-CERG-PUBH

Academic Advising

Website: <https://publichealth.gmu.edu/students/academic-advising>

The Graduate Certificate in Public Health provides working professionals and graduate students an opportunity to advance their career and education in public health at their own pace on either a full- or part-time basis in two areas of concentration:

Generalist Concentration

The Public Health Graduate Certificate - Generalist Concentration, allows students to take up to six core classes required of the Master's in Public Health (MPH) program. This program is ideally suited for those with public health-related experience or for students seeking to enhance a graduate degree program. For students planning to apply to the MPH degree program (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/global-community-health/public-health-mp/>) after completing the certificate, a simplified application is available for those who have earned a grade of "B" or better in all coursework.

Leadership and Management Concentration

The Public Health Graduate Certificate - Leadership and Management Concentration prepares students to apply the principles of public health leadership, stewardship and policy implementation to manage state and local health departments and various non-profit organizational and community health program initiatives. Students learn leadership strategies, public health regulatory requirements, public program management tools and policy development skills necessary to function in public health systems in the United States.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants must meet the admission standards and application requirements specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and must apply using the online Schools of Public Health Application System (<http://www.sophas.org/>) (SOPHAS). Applications are considered for the fall and spring semesters. For more information about the application requirements and deadlines, visit the College of Public Health Admissions website (<https://publichealth.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/standards-requirements-and-deadlines/>).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

This certificate may be pursued on a full- or part-time basis.

Students must complete all requirements listed within a concentration. Minimum GPA of 3.0 is required in all courses applied to the Certificate in Public Health.

Generalist Concentration (GLST)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
GCH 500	Foundations of Public Health	3
GCH 604	Fundamentals of Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
GCH 609	Community Assessment and Partnerships	3
GCH 645	U.S. and Global Public Health Systems	3
HAP 635	Role of Government in Health Care and Public Health	3
Elective		
Select three credits from the following:		3
COMM 637	Risk Communication	
GCH 535	Public Health Preparedness and Response	
GCH 543	Global Health	
GCH 560	Environmental Health	
GCH 600	Health Promotion Methods	
GCH 601	Introduction to Biostatistics	
GCH 607	Evidence-Based Public Health Practice	
GCH 610	Health Behavior Theory	
GCH 611	Health Program Planning and Evaluation	
GCH 632	SAS for Health Research	
GCH 691	Project Management in Public Health	
GCH 712	Introduction to Epidemiology	
GCH 772	Social Epidemiology	
HAP 680	Applied Public Health Leadership and Management	
HAP 715	Health Economics	
NUTR 626	Food Systems	
NUTR 630	Global Nutrition	
Total Credits		18

Leadership and Management Concentration (LM)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
GCH 712	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
HAP 680	Applied Public Health Leadership and Management	3
HAP 715	Health Economics	3
HAP 742	Health Policy Development and Analysis	3
PUAD 661	Public Budgeting Systems	3
Elective		
Select three credits from the following:		3

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HAP 609	Comparative International Health Systems
HAP 661	Policy Development and Analysis for Community Health Programs
HAP 705	Strategic Management and Marketing in Health Care
HAP 740	Management of Health Information Systems
HAP 750	Legal Issues in Health Administration
HAP 764	Health Policy and Government Payment Systems for Health Care Services
PUBP 758	Global Threats and Medical Policies
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Total Credits	18