

PUBLIC HEALTH, BHS

The Allied Health Department offers a Bachelor of Health Science with a major in Public Health. The BHS PH degree will prepare students for a career in the field of Public Health by providing knowledge, skills and experience specific to public health. The curriculum is appropriate for students with a wide range of interests and career goals such as education, community outreach, marketing, policy and advocacy, epidemiology, and research. This degree will also prepare students who wish to continue on to a graduate program.

Program Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) Public Health degree is to prepare professionals and pre-professionals for leadership and management positions in public health-related fields.

Washburn University Assessment – Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program students will be able to:

- PSLO 1: Demonstrate knowledge of public health infrastructure and the workforce.
- PSLO 2: Discuss the role of evidence-based theories in public health.
- PSLO 3: Interpret quantitative and qualitative data following current scientific standards.
- PSLO 4: Recognize the foundational values of equity, social justice, and ethics in public health practice.
- PSLO 5: Describe the health and social determinants of diverse community populations.
- PSLO 6: Identify the necessity of collaboration and partnerships in public health practice.
- PSLO 7: Develop effective practices for public health policy and program development.
- PSLO 8: Apply critical thinking to public health decision-making.
- PSLO 9: Practice professional and effective communication with diverse audiences.

Admission Requirements

- Completed or be working toward an associate degree or have completed at least 45 college credit hours, including program prerequisites.
- Math 112 or MA 116 Contemporary College Mathematics or College Algebra or equivalent (3)
- AL 101 Foundations of Healthcare
- BI 230 Intro to Human Physiology (3) **OR** BI 255 Human Physiology w/Lab (4) **OR**
 - BI 250 Intro to Human Anatomy (3) **OR** BI 275 Human Anatomy w/Lab (4)
- AL 320 Human Disease
- A cumulative GPA of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum of a 2.25 Washburn GPA if appropriate.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
AL 367	Foundations of Quality Improvement in Health Care	3

AL 375	Health Care Policy	3
AL 400	Supervisory Practices for the Health Care Professional	3
AL 430	Essentials of Public Health	3
AL 460	Research in Health Care	3
AL 465	Evidence-Based Approaches to Public Health	3
AL 470	Public Health Program Planning	3
AL 475	Public Health Program Management	3
AL 360	Independent Study/Allied Health (Internship)	3
or AL 480	Senior Seminar In Healthcare	
CN 306	Health Communication	3
HS 300	Prevention and Social Change	3
Upper Division Elective Hours - 9 Credit Hours		9
Total Hours		42
<i>Suggested Upper-Division Electives</i>		
AL 366	Legal & Regulatory Issues for the Health Care Professional	3
AL 399	Health Information Systems	3
AL 405	Financial Issues in Health Care I	3
AL 420	Current Issues in Health Care	3
CN 351	Interpersonal Communication	3
HL 377	Critical Issues in Health	3
IL 311	Information Literacy Health Professions	3
PY 311	Multicultural Psychology	3
PY 326	Health Psychology	3
PO 305	Public Policy	3
PO 346	Problems in Public Administration	3
or PO 374	Topics-Public Administration	

See Table of Contents for University Requirements, General Education Graduation Requirements.