

PUBLIC HEALTH (AA)

Note: Previously Community Health Promotion. Program title change effective fall 2025.

Award: Associate of Arts Degree

No. of credits required: 60

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Program Description

The Public Health program challenges students to think critically about the determinants of health and their impact on protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. Experiential learning is gained through active engagement with the local community to address health-related issues. A multi-disciplinary curriculum provides a foundation for diverse careers in health promotion, disease prevention, and health education. This program creates a transfer pathway to a baccalaureate degree in public health.

Program Goals

Upon completion of the Public Health program the student will:

1. Relate connections between the determinants of health and the health of people and their communities.
2. Identify basic processes, approaches, and interventions that address the major health-related needs and concerns of communities.
3. Use technology to collect and interpret health data, develop health promotion objectives, and deliver health-specific communication.
4. Demonstrate practical experiences in public health settings.

Transfer Information

Students should be aware that each transfer institution has unique curricular requirements. Academic advisement of elective course selection is strongly recommended.

Employment Information

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of health educators and community health workers is projected to grow 16 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by efforts to improve health outcomes and to reduce healthcare costs by teaching people about healthy habits and behaviors and utilization of available health care services.

Degree Requirements

Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester		Credits
ENG 101	English Composition (GE)	3
HLTH 101	Contemporary Health Issues (GI)	3
HLTH 107	Stress Management	3
HLTH 108	Introduction to Public Health	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GB)	3
Credits		15
Second Semester		
BIO 120	General Biology I (GL)	4

HLTH 204	Women's Health Issues	3
PSY 101	General Psychology (GB)	3
MATH 216	Introduction to Statistics (GM)	4
HLTH 281	Field Placement in Public Health	1
Credits		15
Third Semester		
BIO 210	Nutrition (GS)	3
CMST 101	Speech Fundamentals (GI)	3
HLTH 201	Human Sexuality	3
PSY 208	Alcohol/Drugs: Impact on Behavior	3
Arts/Humanities Elective (GAH)		3
Credits		15
Fourth Semester		
Select from:		3
HLTH 202	Health Behavior	
Health Elective		
HLTH 282	Internship in Public Health	2
HLTH 203	The U.S. Health Care System (GB)	3
Arts/Humanities Elective (GAH)		3
Physical Education Elective		1
General Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		60

General Education Degree Requirements

Note: The following codes identify courses which satisfy the General Education Degree Requirements:

Behavioral/Social Science (GB)
 English Composition (GE)
 Arts/Humanities (GAH)
 Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (GI)
 Biological/Physical Laboratory Science (GL)
 Mathematics (GM)
 Biological/Physical Science (GS)