

COMMUNITY HEALTH, BS

Overview

A Bachelor of Science in Community Health provides a foundation for students planning to enter the fields of public health, health promotion and health education. Health promotion and health education professionals are recognized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and "provide and manage health education programs that help individuals, families, and their communities maximize and maintain healthy lifestyles" (United States Bureau of Labor Statistics [SOC 21-1091.00]). With a firm grounding in the sciences, students in the program receive training in foundations of public health, epidemiology, identifying community needs, using theory to develop health programs, and planning, implementation, and evaluating health programs. Coursework provides an in-depth development of the 8 Areas of Responsibility and competencies, and sub-competencies for Health Education Specialists from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing. Graduates with a Community Health degree are eligible to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Examination. Graduates may work in a variety of settings:

- # Government health agencies (e.g., local public health departments)
- # Health-related organizations (e.g., American Heart Association)
- # Hospitals
- # Businesses
- # Schools/universities

Community health graduates may also go on to in-demand careers in the health sciences, with the advantage of having a firm grasp on population health dynamics and models of successful collaboration between community and clinical health. Graduates may therefore also go on to professional schools such as nursing, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, or pursue positions in related health fields, such as pharmacy, worksite wellness programs, continuous quality improvement, and research. Graduates may also further their education by attending masters and/or doctoral programs, or law school.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum ¹		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
ENGL 2311	Technical Writing (or)	
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3
BIOL 1306	Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys	3
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I	3
	Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3
	Creative Arts	3
	American History	3
	American History	3
	Government/Political Science	3
	Government/Political Science	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 1315	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

COMM 1318	Interpersonal Communication (or)	
Subtotal:		42
Required Support Courses		
BIOL 1106	General Biology I Lab	1
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry Lab I	1
EDHL 1322	Nutrition	3
MATH 3301	Biostatistics	3
Subtotal:		16
Major Courses		
HLTH 2110	Health Writing	1
HLTH 2301	Foundations of Community Health	3
HLTH 3335	Data Management and Assessment	3
HLTH 3325	Environmental Health	3
HLTH 3330	The Science of Health Disparities	3
HLTH 3345	Theories and Models of Health Behavior	3
HLTH 4350	Emergency Management in Health	3
HLTH 4340	Health Policy and Advocacy	3
HLTH 4355	Health Program Evaluation and Research	3
HLTH 4325	Global Health	3
HLTH 4337	Disease Entities and Epidemiology	3
EDHL 4337	Disease Entities/Epidemiology (or)	
HLTH 4342	Program Planning for Health Promotion	3
EDHL 4342	Prgrm Plan for Hlth Promotion (or)	
HLTH 4670	Internship in Community Health	6
Subtotal:		40
Directed Health Electives (Choose 12 hours)		
HLTH 3390	Special Topics in Community Health	3
HLTH 3320	Public Health Systems	3
HLTH 4365	Field-based Skills in Community Health and Prevention Services	3
EDHL 3335	Drug Education	3
EDHL 4344	Health and Aging	3
EDKN 3316	Medical Terminology	3
PSYC 3322	Gender Issues	3
Subtotal:		12
General Electives (Choose 10 hours)		
BIOL 1307	Gen Biology II-Biol Organisms	3
BIOL 1107	General Biology II - Lab (and)	
BIOL 2411	Genetics	4
BIOL 2421	Introduction to Microbiology	4
EDHL 3331	Consumer Health	3
EDHS 3331	Ethics in Human Services	3
HLTH 3170	Directed Study in Community Health	1
HLTH 3370	Directed Study in Community Health	3
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	3
Subtotal:		10
Total		120

¹ Other courses may satisfy core curriculum requirements. Courses listed under the core curriculum above are also specific degree

requirements and are recommended in the core to expedite degree completion.

Plan of Study

This suggested plan of study is intended to be used as a guide in conjunction with official degree requirements outlined in the catalog. While this plan demonstrates a course of study that covers eight semesters, each student's academic path is unique and your timeline may look different. Students should regularly consult with academic advisors as they plan their course schedules as course offerings may vary.

First Year

First Semester		Credits
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3
MATH 1014	College Algebra Recitation	0
BIOL 1306	Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys	3
BIOL 1106	General Biology I Lab	1
HIST 1301	US History to 1865	3
ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	3
Credits		16

Second Semester

COMM 1315	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
COMM 1318	Interpersonal Communication (or)	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry Lab I	1
HIST 1302	US History from 1865	3
EDHL 1322	Nutrition	3
Credits		16

Second Year

First Semester

General Elective		3 or 4
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
HLTH 2301	Foundations of Community Health	3
Credits		16-17

Second Semester

General Elective		3 or 4
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
ENGL 2311	Technical Writing (or)	
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
HLTH 2110	Health Writing	1
Credits		14-15

Third Year

First Semester

General Elective		3 or 4
Directed Health Elective		3
MATH 3301	Biostatistics	3
HLTH 3335	Data Management and Assessment	3

HLTH 3345	Theories and Models of Health Behavior	3
Credits		15-16

Second Semester

Language/Philosophy/Culture core course		3
Directed Health Electives		6
HLTH 3325	Environmental Health	3
HLTH 3330	The Science of Health Disparities	3
Credits		15

Fourth Year

First Semester

Directed Health Elective		3
HLTH 4355	Health Program Evaluation and Research	3
HLTH 4350	Emergency Management in Health	3
HLTH 4342	Program Planning for Health Promotion	3
HLTH 4337	Disease Entities and Epidemiology	3
Credits		15

Second Semester

HLTH 4670	Internship in Community Health	6
HLTH 4340	Health Policy and Advocacy	3
HLTH 4325	Global Health	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		119-122