

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Public Health program serves students interested in pursuing careers in public health. The program prepares students to plan, implement, and evaluate health and human service programs and work in the field of public health. Graduates of the program are employed by public and private health and human service agencies (city, county, state, and national), hospitals, schools, corporations, nonprofit and professional consulting organizations. Upon completion of the undergraduate program, eligible students are encouraged to apply for admission to the Master of Public Health Program.

OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Nationally and internationally, Public Health is one of the fastest growing, most dynamic, and necessary professions. It offers energetic, creative, and enterprising individuals a host of entry-level career options. Career opportunities continue to grow in such community health settings as city, county, state, and national public health departments and agencies, hospitals, schools, mental health facilities, health maintenance organizations, long-term care facilities, and corporate and industrial organizations. Students graduating from the Bachelor of Science Program specializing in Public Health are in an excellent position to be competitive in this burgeoning career market place.

ADMISSION AND ADVISEMENT

Students may enter the major in either the fall or spring semester, and must meet university admission and general education requirements. Individuals interested in the BSPH program are encouraged to contact the Health Sciences Department office at (818) 677-4081 or via email at hsci@csun.edu to be directed to their faculty advisor.

PROGRAM MISSION

The Mission of the CSUN Public Health Program is to prepare professionals to:

- Identify and assess needs and assets of diverse communities
- Plan, implement, and evaluate programs
- Apply analytic and research methodologies to public health practice
- Serve as leaders and advocates in their community and profession
- Provide solutions for current and future public health challenges
- Collaborate across interdisciplinary and community sectors



The following curriculum prepares students for the Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health (BSPH)

Lower Division Requirements (20 units)

BIOL 101/101L General Biology and Lab
BIOL 211/12, 213, 218/L, 281, 285, 341, 366, or 375
CHEM 100 or 103 Principles of Chemistry/Intro to Chemistry I
MATH 141/L Essentials of Statistics and Lab
PSY 150 Introduction to Psychology
SOC 150 Introductory Sociology

Upper Division Department Core (7 units)

HSCI 390/390L Biostatistics and Lab HSCI 488 Epidemiology

Upper Division Requirements (36 units)

ENGL 306 Report Writing HSCI 314 Organization and Delivery of Health Services HSCI 331 Public Health Education HSCI 345 Public Health Issues EOH 353 Global Perspectives of Environmental Health HSCI 391 Computer Application in Health Sciences Health Behavior HSCI 431 HSCI 437 Strategies for Making Health Decisions Community Health Action HSCI 439 Community Health Education* HSCI 441 Senior Seminar in Public Health Education* HSCI 445 Internship in Public Health Education* HSCI 494/494I *Note: C- or better grade in HSCI 441 required

Electives (12 units, of which 6 units can be outside of HSCI)

HSCI 231 Women and Health HSCI 335 Holistic Health HSCI 336 Health Aspects of Drug Use HSCI 337 Nutrition and Health HSCI 369 Public Health Strategies in HIV and STI Prevention HSCI 433 Counseling of Health Problems Lactation Education HSCI 434 HSCI 435 Health Science for Children and Youth HSCI 436 Health Concerns of Adolescents HSCI 438 International Health HSCI 440 Family Health HSCI 442 Health, Culture, and Diversity HSCI 446 Lactation Education: Postpartum Period

The following courses must be taken in sequence over 2 years or four (4) consecutive semesters

HSCI 331



HSCI 431



HSCI 441



HSCI 445 HSCI 494/494I