

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION, B.S.

The Department of Public Health Education offers the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Public Health Education major with a concentration in Community Health Education or Health Studies (an online degree program). Both concentrations provide a foundation in the core areas of public health including: social and behavioral sciences, epidemiology, public health statistics, and health policy and administration. Only students in the Community Health Education concentration are eligible candidates for national credentialing as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES.). The Health Studies Online concentration is an online option available for second-degree seeking students looking for a non-professional degree to complement their current professional or career experiences.

Community Health Education Concentration

Increasing national interest in health and health promotion attracts students to the undergraduate degree program in Community Health Education. The concentration provides field experiences in public and private agencies as part of the professional preparation program. Students are prepared to design and implement health promotion programs in the community. Graduates have careers in national, state, and local health agencies, health and human services organizations, and business and industry; and many continue on into graduate study.

Health Studies Online Concentration

The program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Public Health, Health Studies Online concentration, is designed to prepare individuals for positions in health-related fields and provide a base for graduate study. The Health Studies Online concentration will allow time and location bound students to complete an undergraduate degree without relocating to the UNC Greensboro campus. Our graduates, like other graduates in general education programs, are competitive in the job market for careers in administration, education, health sciences, human relations, and public service, and in other governmental, community-based and/or nonprofit settings.

Students requesting admission to the Health Studies Online concentration may apply to the major only after earning a prior degree (A.A., A.S., B.A., B.S., or equivalent; an A.A.S. is not an equivalent option) from an accredited college or university and completion of courses that satisfy General Education requirements.

Criteria for Admission to the Public Health Education Major

Students must be formally admitted to the Public Health Education major through an application process and select a concentration of Community Health Education or Health Studies Online. Students are considered Pre-Public Health (PPHT) until the student is formally accepted into the Public Health (PHTH) major.

Only students who have formal, written acceptance into the PHTH major will be permitted to register in upper level public health education (HEA) courses, typically completed in the junior and senior years. Admission cannot be sought into the major until completion or transfer of 45 credit hours. The application deadline is April 1 of each year. Applications are obtained from the Department of Public Health Education. Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended must be submitted with the application. Admission to the university does not guarantee acceptance

into the PHTH major. Conditional admission may be granted if students are still completing the prerequisite courses, but full admission to the major cannot be granted until all admission criteria for Community Health Education or Health Studies Online concentration have been successfully completed.

Overall Requirements

- 120 credit hours, to include at least 36 credits at or above the 300 course level
- Students must continue to maintain the cumulative GPA requirement of 2.50 to progress and graduate. Students who drop below a 2.50 overall GPA will be dropped from the program.
- No HEA course or health-related area course for which a grade of C or better is required for the major may be taken more than twice (a C- is not acceptable). Students who receive a grade below C twice in the same HEA course or health related area course required for the major will be dropped from the major.

Degree Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	University Requirements (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies/)	
	General Education Requirements (MAC) (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education-program/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext)	

Major Requirements

Select one of the concentrations as detailed following the major requirements.

- Community Health Education
- Health Studies Online

Electives

Electives sufficient to complete the 120 credit hours required for degree.

Community Health Education Concentration Requirements

Minimum Criteria for Admission to the Concentration

Pre-public health students must meet the following criteria to be accepted into the major and declare the Community Health Education concentration. Students should meet these minimum requirements before submitting an application to the concentration.

1. GPA
Overall grade point average of 2.50 or higher.
2. Prerequisites
A grade of C (2.0) or better in each of the prerequisite health-related courses listed below or their equivalent. Prerequisite courses may be repeated only one time to earn the minimum required grade or better.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Biology		
BIO 111 & 111L	Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology I Laboratory	
Communication Studies		
CST 105	Introduction to Communication Studies	

or CST 341 Communication and Workplace Relationships

English

ENG 101 Exploring Writing in College Contexts

Math

MAT 115 College Algebra

or STA 108 Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics

Nutrition

NTR 213 Introductory Nutrition

Social Science

PSY 121 General Psychology

or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

3. HEA courses

A grade of C (2.0) or higher in all completed HEA courses (including transferred HEA courses).

Recommended

It is recommended, but not required, that students complete the course listed below and/or a HEA elective prior to submitting the application.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HEA 201	Personal Health	

Graduation Requirements for the Concentration

1. A grade of C (2.0) or better in all required HEA courses and health related courses.
2. Overall GPA of 2.50
3. Registration for and completion (e.g., sitting for) of the CHES exam offered by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC).
4. Completion of all other requirements as described for degree and major (students may still be required to complete free elective credit hours to meet university degree requirements).

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Required

HEA 308	Introduction to Public Health	
HEA 312	Public Health and Healthcare Systems in the US	
HEA 314	Public Health Diseases	
HEA 315	Epidemiology	
HEA 316	Environmental Health	
HEA 325	Public Health Data Analysis	
HEA 339	Introduction to Public Health Education Practice	
HEA 340	Community Observation and Assessment	
HEA 366	Community Health Interventions I	
HEA 405	Program Planning and Evaluation	
HEA 426	Internship Planning	
HEA 428	Health Education Internship (Fieldwork IV and Seminar) (Fieldwork IV and Seminar)	
HEA 466	Community Health Interventions II	

Select 12 credits of the following:

HEA 113	Medical Terminology for Public Health Professionals	
HEA 201	Personal Health [†]	

HEA 202 Introduction to Peer Health Education

HEA 203 Peer Health Education: Selected Topics

HEA 231 Athlete Health and Sport Performance

HEA 260 Human Sexuality

ENT 307 Global Health

HEA 310 Mental Health and Well-Being

HEA 331 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

HEA 334 Community Health

HEA 350 Race, Ethnicity, and Health

HEA 433 Gender and Health

HEA 447 Income, Social Status, and Health

HEA 450 Current Health Problems

HEA 471 Immigrant and Refugee Health

HEA 475 Independent Study

Related Area Requirements**Biology**

Select one option of the following:

Option A:

BIO 111 Principles of Biology I
& 111L and Principles of Biology I Laboratory^{††}

Option B:

BIO 271 Human Anatomy
& 271L and Human Anatomy Laboratory

Option C:

BIO 277 Human Physiology
& 277L and Human Physiology Laboratory

Communication Studies

CST 105 Introduction to Communication Studies
or CST 341 Communication and Workplace Relationships

English

ENG 101 Exploring Writing in College Contexts^{†††}

Math

MAT 115 College Algebra^{* ††††}
or STA 108 Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics

Nutrition

NTR 213 Introductory Nutrition^{††}

Social Science

PSY 121 General Psychology[†]
or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

* Or a higher level mathematics course.

† Counts toward GEC GSB requirement.

†† Counts toward GEC GNS requirement.

††† Counts toward GEC GRD requirement.

†††† Counts toward GEC GMT requirement.

Health Studies Online Concentration Requirements**Minimum Criteria for Admission to the Concentration**

Pre-public health students must meet the following criteria to be accepted into the major and declare the Health Studies Online concentration. Students should meet these minimum requirements before submitting an application to the concentration.

1. Prior degree

Students requesting admission to the Health Studies Online concentration may apply to the major only after earning a prior degree (A.A., A.S., B.A., B.S., or equivalent; A.A.S. does not count as an equivalent) from an accredited college or university and completion of courses that satisfy General Education Core and General Education Marker requirements.

2. GPA

Overall grade point average of 2.50 or higher.

3. Prerequisites

A grade of C (2.0) or better in each of the courses listed below or their equivalent. Prerequisite courses may be repeated only one time to earn the minimum required grade or better.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Biology		
<i>Select one option from the following:</i>		
<i>Option A:</i>		
BIO 111 & 111L	Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology I Laboratory	
<i>Option B:</i>		
BIO 271 & 271L	Human Anatomy and Human Anatomy Laboratory	
<i>Option C:</i>		
BIO 277 & 277L	Human Physiology and Human Physiology Laboratory	
Communication Studies		
CST 105 or CST 341	Introduction to Communication Studies or Communication and Workplace Relationships	
English		
ENG 101	Exploring Writing in College Contexts	
Math		
MAT 115 or STA 108	College Algebra * or Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics	
Social Science		
PSY 121 or SOC 101	General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	
Information Systems		
ISM 110	Foundations for Analytics using Spreadsheets	

* Or a higher level mathematics course.

4. HEA courses

A grade of C (2.0) or higher in any completed HEA courses (including transferred HEA course).

Graduation Requirements for the Concentration

1. A grade of C (2.0) or better in all required HEA courses and health related courses.
2. Overall GPA of 2.50
3. Registration for and completion (e.g., sitting for) of the CHES exam offered by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC).
4. Completion of all other requirements as described for degree and major (students may still be required to complete free elective credit hours to meet university degree requirements).

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required		
HEA 308	Introduction to Public Health	
HEA 312	Public Health and Healthcare Systems in the US	
HEA 314	Public Health Diseases	
HEA 315	Epidemiology	
HEA 316	Environmental Health	
HEA 325	Public Health Data Analysis	
HEA 350	Race, Ethnicity, and Health	
HEA 433	Gender and Health	
HEA 447	Income, Social Status, and Health	
HEA 490	Capstone Experience	
<i>Select 18 credits of the following: *</i>		
HEA 113	Medical Terminology for Public Health Professionals	
HEA 201	Personal Health †	
HEA 260	Human Sexuality	
HEA 307	Global Health	
HEA 310	Mental Health and Well-Being	
HEA 331	Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs	
HEA 334	Community Health	
HEA 412	Community Health Organizations	
HEA 450	Current Health Problems	
HEA 470	Adolescent Health	
HEA 471	Immigrant and Refugee Health	
HEA 475	Independent Study	
HDF 112	Families and Close Relationships **	
HDF 202	Infant and Child Development **	
KIN 220	Lifetime Wellness **	
MGT 300	Management of Organizations **	
MGT 312	Organizational Behavior **	
NUR 390	Culture and Health Care **	
NTR 213	Introductory Nutrition ** ††	
PCS 218	Managing Conflict in Professional Contexts **	
PHI 220	Medical Ethics **	
SOC 327	Race and Ethnic Relations **	
WGS 250	An Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies **	

Related Area Requirements*Biology*

Select one option of the following:

Option A:

BIO 111 & 111L Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology I Laboratory ††

Option B:

BIO 271 & 271L Human Anatomy and Human Anatomy Laboratory

Option C:

BIO 277 & 277L Human Physiology and Human Physiology Laboratory

Communication Studies

CST 105 Introduction to Communication Studies

or CST 341 Communication and Workplace Relationships

English

ENG 101 Exploring Writing in College Contexts ⁺⁺⁺

Information Systems

ISM 110 Foundations for Analytics using Spreadsheets

Math

MAT 115 College Algebra ^{1 +++++}

or STA 108 Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics

Social Science

PSY 121 General Psychology [†]

or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

* A minimum of 12 credits must have an HEA prefix.

** A maximum of 6 credits may be selected from these courses.

¹ Or a higher level mathematics course.

[†] Counts toward GSB requirement.

^{††} Counts toward GEC GNS requirement.

^{†††} Counts toward GEC GRD requirement.

^{††††} Counts toward GEC GMT requirement.

Disciplinary Honors in Public Health Education

Requirements

- A minimum of 12 credit hours as defined below.
- UNC Greensboro cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better or, for transfer students, cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better from all prior institutions.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required		3
HSS 490	Senior Honors Project	
6 credits of Honors course work in the major		6
3 credits of Honors course work in the major or another area		3

Recognition

Receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Public Health Education; have that accomplishment, along with the title of the Senior Honors Project, noted on the official transcript; and be recognized at a banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

Honors Advisor

Contact Crystal Dixon at ctdixon@uncg.edu for further information and guidance about Honors in Public Health Education. To apply: <http://honorscollege.uncg.edu/forms/disc-application.pdf>