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.

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

- 124 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

University Requirements (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies)

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General Education Core Requirements (GEC) (https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education-program/#generaleducationcorerequirementstext)

Major Requirements

The Public Health Education B.S. offers two concentrations from which students may choose from:

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 UNCG 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 Core and General Education Marker requirements.

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.

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ENG 101 College Writing I

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 any 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

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

Required
HEA 308 Introduction to Public Health
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 412 Community Health Organizations
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 207 International Health
HEA 231 Athlete Health and Sport Performance
HEA 260 Human Sexuality
ENT 307 Global Health
HEA 310 Mental Health and Well-Being
HEA 312 Public Health and Healthcare Systems in the US
HEA 318 Conflict Resolution and Facilitation Skills
HEA 331 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
HEA 334 Community Health
HEA 350 Race, Ethnicity, and Health
HEA 361 Sexuality Education: Content and Methods
HEA 369 Lifetime Health Concerns
HEA 420 The School Health Program
HEA 430 Social Marketing for 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 †
BIO 111L Principles of Biology I Laboratory

Option B:
BIO 271 Human Anatomy

Option C:
BIO 277 Human Physiology

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

English
ENG 101 College Writing I †††

Math
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Nutrition
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Social Science
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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.

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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).

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**Electives**

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