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; A.A.S. does not count as an equivalent) from an accredited college or university and completion of courses that satisfy General Education requirements.

Criteria for Admission to the Public Health Education Major

Before the registration window opens, students must declare their major as Public Health Education (PUBH) through the University Registrar's Office, and select a concentration, either Community Health Education (COHE) or Health Studies Online (HEST).

Only students who have their major officially declared as PUBH major will be permitted to register in upper level public health education (HEA) courses, typically completed in the junior and senior years. Additionally, only students who have selected either COHE or HEST as their concentration, will be allowed to register for concentration-restricted course sections.

Note: All HEST concentration prerequisite courses may not be online. Therefore, meeting with an admissions counselor or advisor prior to transferring or changing your major concentration is necessary to understand how to complete concentration program requirements.

Health Studies Online Admission Requirements

Minimum Criteria for Admission to the Health Studies Online Concentration

Prior degree

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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.

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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.

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Prior degree

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**Human Anatomy & Physiology**

Select one option of the following:

**Option A:**

- HEA 213 Human Body Systems: Anatomy and Physiology for the Public Health Professional

**Option B:**

- BIO 271 Human Anatomy
- BIO 271L Human Anatomy Laboratory
  
**Option C:**

- BIO 277 Human Physiology
- BIO 277L Human Physiology Laboratory

**Option D:**

- KIN 291 Clinical Human Anatomy
- KIN 291L Clinical Human Anatomy Laboratory

**Option E:**

- KIN 292 Clinical Human Physiology
- KIN 292L Clinical 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 College Algebra
- STA 108 Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- MAT 150 Precalculus I

**Nutrition**

- NTR 213 Introductory Nutrition

**Social Science**

- PSY 121 General Psychology
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

* Or a higher level mathematics course.

**Health Studies Online Concentration Requirements**

**Graduation Requirements for the Concentration**

- A grade of C (2.0) or better in all required HEA courses and health related courses.
- Overall GPA of 2.50
- 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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- 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

**Select 18 credits of the following:**

- 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

**Or a higher level mathematics course.**
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.

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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 phe@uncg.edu for further information and guidance about Honors in Public Health Education. To apply: http://honorscollege.uncg.edu/forms/disc-application.pdf

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

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

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