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 Core and General Education Marker 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

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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.

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

English

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.

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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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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  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

* Or a higher level mathematics course.
† Counts toward GEC GSB requirement.
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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
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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

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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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**HEA 201 Personal Health**

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**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 212 Families and Close Relationships**

**HDF 302 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 318**

**PHI 220 Medical Ethics**

**SOC 327 Race and Ethnic Relations**

**WGS 250 An Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies**

Related Area Requirements

**Biology**

Select one option from the following:

**Option A:**

Bio 111 & 111L Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology | Laboratory | ††

**Option B:**

Bio 271 & 271L Human Anatomy and Human Anatomy Laboratory

**Option C:**

Bio 277 & 277L Human Physiology and Human Physiology Laboratory
**Public Health Education, B.S.**

- **Communication Studies**
  - CST 105  
  - CST 341  
  or CST 341  Communication and Workplace Relationships

- **English**
  - ENG 101 College Writing I  
  or CST 341  Communication and Workplace Relationships

- **Information Systems**
  - ISM 110 Business Computing I

- **Math**
  - MAT 115 College Algebra  
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- **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.

† Or a higher level mathematics course.

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