

## Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts

The Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts (PHCert-CC) is a program in the Public Health Practice major at the School of Public Health. It is designed for working health and human service professionals with a baccalaureate or advanced degree who wish to develop a credential in public health core concepts.

### Program Curriculum

The content in the Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts is the same as the core content taught in the School of Public Health, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree programs.

All courses are available online. Students will be able to register, receive materials, interact with faculty and fellow students, and complete this program without traveling to the campus. Access to the Internet is required. Online courses are completed during the specific term of registration. These instructor-led, term-based courses are completed in accordance with the schedule set by the instructor.

### Curriculum—14 credits

- Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (PubH 6020, 3 credits)
- Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (PubH 6102, 2 credits)
- Fundamentals of Epidemiology (PubH 6320, 3 credits)
- Biostatistical Methods I (PubH 6414, 3 credits)
- Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (PubH 6741, 1 credit)
- Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (PubH 6751, 2 credits)

### Course Substitutions

Substitution with on-campus courses that meet public health core area requirements may be taken with prior approval. Check with a Public Health Practice Major Coordinator for selection and approval process.

### Certificate Program Requirements

To be awarded the PHCert-CC, admitted students must:

- Take and complete the above listed courses (or approved substitutions) for graduate credit;
- Earn no less than a B- in any one core course;
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least a B level (3.0 on a 4.0 scale); and
- Complete the certificate program within three years of matriculation.

### Applying to a University of Minnesota Degree Program

Students enrolled in the Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts may apply for admission into a University of Minnesota degree program. The application process for each degree program must be followed and determination of admission is at the degree program's discretion. Admission to or completion of the PHCert-CC Program does not guarantee

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admission to any University of Minnesota degree program. If admitted to any M.P.H. degree program, PHCert-CC required program credits may be used to meet the M.P.H. degree program requirements and will not count as transfer credits.

### Special Notes on Application to a Master of Public Health Degree Program

The Environmental Health and Executive Program in Public Health Practice M.P.H. degree programs will waive the GRE requirement for admission if a student has

completed the PHCert-CC with a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average.

### **Tuition and Fees**

- All certificate students will be charged in-state resident tuition rates regardless of state of residency.
- All admitted students will be assessed a one-time credential fee of \$160.00 for the certificate program payable by check prior to course registration.

### **Qualifications for Admission**

- Baccalaureate degree or higher
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 is preferred
- Strong writing skills
- Basic math and science coursework, e.g. college algebra, biology
- Relevant work and/or educational experience

All applications are reviewed holistically

### **Application Process**

- Completed SOPHAS application and application fee, designating the University of Minnesota School of Public Health
- Statement of purpose and objectives describing the reason for applying, career goals, and how the PHCert-CC will help to achieve desired goals
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts of record from each college/university attended
- Résumé or C.V.
- TOEFL or IELTS test scores (international applicants only)

### **Application Deadlines**

Applications are accepted for fall, spring and summer terms.\*

Please see our website for current application deadline information:  
[www.sph.umn.edu/students/prospective/admissions/deadlines](http://www.sph.umn.edu/students/prospective/admissions/deadlines)

*\*international applicants are eligible for admission for fall term only.*