



# Certificate of Graduate Study

**With as Few as Five Courses, You Can Elevate Your Career!**

## PUBLIC HEALTH

The Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Health provides post-baccalaureate students with an opportunity to broaden their understanding of public health, supplement another degree, enhance their current professional or clinical skills, or prepare for further graduate study. This program may be of interest to non-degree seeking professionals who have completed an undergraduate degree in a related discipline and want to demonstrate content competence in public health. The certificate is also helpful for current graduate students in other disciplines who want to complement their existing graduate study with essential public health knowledge. Students can begin the Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Health in the fall and can complete the Certificate program in two semesters (fall and spring).



### **CAREER FIELDS WHERE THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE BENEFICIAL:**

- Healthcare Personnel (nurses, physicians, technicians and others)
- Healthcare Administration Professionals
- Exercise Science Professionals
- Health Promotion Specialists
- Health Education Specialists
- Psychologists
- Nutritionists
- Community Advocates/Community Health Workers

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- The basic tenets, applications, and foci of public health, in addition to measures of population health and illness (risk factors, epidemiological data and access to healthcare)
- Application of epidemiological methods to a breadth of settings and situations in public health practice
- The major social determinants of health, and the influence of major social determinants of health on public health programs and policies
- Understanding and application of quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context
- The role of public health programs and policies in creating health equity and reducing health disparities



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## WHY A CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH?

- The foundational public health courses required for the Certificate program align with Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited MPH programs.
- Because the certificate program is comprised of core foundational public health graduate courses, courses can be easily transferred into the NCWU MPH program and should transfer into most MPH programs.
- Expand your current professional skills or specialize in a public health-related area
- Enhance your current graduate program and increase your post-graduate marketability

## BY THE NUMBERS:

- Public health careers are expected to grow 15% between 2019-2029\*\*  
*(much faster than the average for all occupations)*
- 100% Online
- 14 Credit Hours
- 2 Semesters

### Admissions Criteria:

- An undergraduate degree  
*No prerequisite. A strong interest in, or background/education in public health or a related field is encouraged.*
- Must submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended, demonstrating successful or pending completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum undergraduate 2.7 overall GPA
- Complete our FREE application

*Note: Certificate programs are separate from master's programs, however, certificate credits can be applied to a master's program.*

## NCWU Certificate of Graduate Study in Public Health

Courses		Credits
PBH 500	Foundations in Public Health	3
PBH 510	Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Public Health	3
PBH 525	Public Health Policy, Management and Leadership	3
PBH 520	Epidemiology	3
PBH 540	Healthcare Systems and Public Health	2

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 14**

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\*\*Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor (2021)

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