BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts in PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES

Health is a Human Right.

NC WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Public Health

Majoring in Public Health Studies offers students the opportunity to engage in what CEA Winslow called the "science and art" of public health. Public Health Studies explores the biological, social, educational, organizational, geographic, economic, and policy factors that impact health as well as strategies for preventing disease, eliminating health disparities, and striving toward health equity.

Students seeking a professional career in public health should consider our unique 4+1 pathway to earn a bachelor's degree and a Master of Public Health degree in five years. Our MPH opens up numerous professional opportunities and provides a credential that will strengthen your application to advanced graduate/professional programs in the health sciences.

PERSONAL

Our faculty are leaders in their field, and will provide you with the mentorship, support, and connections you need to be successful in your academic and professional journey.

PRACTICAL

Students receive "real world" experiences relevant to public health practice, including service learning opportunities, public health practicums, and public health internships.

PURPOSE-DRIVEN

Use your degree to grow within the field, or as a stepping stone to advanced certifications or post-graduate study programs.

CAREER AREAS:

- Community Health Promotion Specialist
- Wellness/Healthy Living Specialist
- Program Evaluator
- Public Health Research Professional
- Safety and Occupation Specialist
- Qualify for Graduate/Professional School
- And So Much More

PAY TRENDS:

The median annual wage* for the **Health Educator or Community Health Worker** field of degree is:

**Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook. Not entry level - varies based on location, education and experience. Recent graduates would need to earn experience and advance in career to earn a higher salary.*

"The program was so great! The professors helped in so many ways and prepared me for the professional world, through different activities, internships and volunteering opportunities. This really fueled my passion for health advocacy."

Ryan Cyusa, '23

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BA IN PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES

Scan to View Major Requirements
Minor in Public Health available.

General Graduation Guidelines:

- Total of 120 semester hours, 33 of which must be numbered 300 or 400 (Other programs may require coursework beyond 120 semester hours)
- At least 9 semester hours of courses designated as writing intensive
- A declared major
- A cumulative GPA average of C (2.00) and at least a C average in the graduation major

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Apply research and analytic strategies, develop and practice program planning, implementation and evaluation skills, and explore policy development and advocacy.
- Understand and apply the basic principles of epidemiology, including rates, risk factors, disease determinants, causation, and public health surveillance.
- Grasp the history and role of public health in disease prevention and the importance of evidence-based public health practice.
- Comprehend the factors involved in population health and the basic processes, approaches, and interventions addressing major health-related needs and concerns.
- Recognize the social determinants of health, health behavior, and health policies influencing health outcomes.
- Identify population-based needs for public health programs and initiatives, develop appropriate programs, and evaluate their effectiveness.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the assessment, planning, and evaluation of public health programs, interventions, and initiatives.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:

Applying to NC Wesleyan is as easy as **1-2-3**. You will have direct contact with a personal admissions counselor who will assist you every step of the way.

- Apply online for FREE
- Submit your high school transcript (*2.5 GPA or higher)*
- Complete your FAFSA at ***studentaid.gov*** *(School code is 002951)*

When we receive your application and transcript, we will provide you with an admissions decision and which scholarships you may be qualified to receive.

*For more information on admission requirements, visit **ncwu.edu/admissions**.*

APPLY TODAY!
*Scan the QR code to fill out your **FREE** application.*

Integrated 4+1 MPH Option:

The Integrated 4+1 MPH allows undergraduate students from NCWU to graduate with both a bachelor's degree and a Master of Public Health degree in five years. Students save tuition dollars because they pay the undergraduate tuition rate for the first year of the MPH program. Visit **ncwu.edu/4+1-MPHdegree.**

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