

Bachelor of Science – Public Health

Mission Statement

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree program prepares graduates with the competencies and skills to address twenty-first century public health problems. The curriculum aligns with Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH) competencies designed for Bachelor of Public Health degrees and the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC) Areas of Responsibilities. Graduates of this degree program will be prepared for jobs available in government, corporations, and non-governmental organizations in the health industry, community and global non-profit organizations, and healthcare providers.

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF BS – Public Health graduates should be able to do the following:

Content

Explain concepts and theoretical constructs in public health, including health promotion and disease prevention, using appropriate technical language.

Critical Thinking

Locate, use, evaluate, and synthesize public health information for improving population health.

Communication

Communicate public health information, in both oral and written forms and through a variety of media, to diverse audiences.

Integrity/Values

Identify and apply professional ethical principles, legal concepts, and regulatory requirements that apply to the field of public health.

Project Management

Collaborate effectively with others on team projects and the process of program planning, implementing, and evaluating of health-related programs.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

These outcomes will be assessed using a variety of assessment methods, including:

- Projects
- Experiments and reports
- Research papers
- Oral and written presentations
- Exams/tests

Job Prospects for BS – Public Health

The National Academy of Sciences, formerly the Institute of Medicine, has recommended that all undergraduates be given “access to education in public health.” The aging public health workforce and retirements are posited to result in public health workforce shortages. The BSPH will prepare students for careers in:

- Public Health Practice at the Local, State and Federal Government Levels
- Public Health Consulting
- Disease Surveillance and Monitoring
- Infectious and Chronic Disease Prevention
- Community Health Promotion, including Health Education
- Maternal and Child Health
- Health-related Non-Profit and Community based Organizations
- Public Health Administration
- Environmental Health, Health Services Research, and Global Health Practice
- Pursue further Professional or Graduate Education in Public Health, Medicine, Physician Assistant, Dentistry, Veterinary Public Health, Community Health Nursing, Public Health and Disaster Mitigation, Military Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Safety and other Health Education Teachers at the Secondary School Level

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<https://uwf.edu/ukcoh/departments/public-health/>