

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences/Public Health (BSHS/PH)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Health Sciences Program is to develop health professionals who are empowered to promote the health and well-being of the populations they serve. In support of the University mission, the faculty are committed to: enhancing access, transmission, application, and discovery of knowledge; and preparing students to respond to the health needs of their community.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students completing the program should be able to do the following:

Content

Identify the characteristics and foundations of the public health discipline.

Critical Thinking

Apply critical problem solving in analyzing and evaluating issues in public health.

Communication

Employ effective and professional communication in the public health discipline.

Integrity/Values

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

Project Management

Collaborate effectively with others on team projects.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate achievement of these learning outcomes in each of the major/core and specialization courses. Success will be demonstrated through examination, individual and group projects, case studies and written assignments.

| Outcome Domain | Specific Student Learning Outcome | Direct Measure |
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| Discipline Knowledge and Skills (Content) | Identify the characteristics and foundations of the public health discipline. | Seventy-five percent of students will earn a satisfactory grade or better on the Public Health Comprehensive Final Exam. |
| Communication | Employ effective and professional communication in the healthcare administration discipline. | Seventy-five percent of students will receive a Satisfactory or higher level on the communication component of the Scientific Basis of Public Health research paper. |
| Critical Thinking Skills (Problem Solving) | Apply critical problem solving in analyzing and evaluating issues in public health. | Seventy-five percent of students will receive a satisfactory grade or higher on the critical thinking component of the grant proposal assignment in the Health Sciences Research Seminar Course. |
| Integrity/values (Ethics) | Identify professional ethical principles, and legal concepts, regulatory requirements that apply to the field of public health. | Seventy-five percent of students will attain the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Protecting Human Research Participants Certificate. |
| Project Management (Professionalism) | Collaborate effectively with others to develop, implement and evaluate public health programs to improve population health. | Seventy-five percent of students will receive a satisfactory grade or higher on the project management component of the group research writing assignment in Fundamentals of Occupational Health and Safety. |

Jobs Prospects for Public Health Graduates

Public health practitioners work in a wide range of careers in public health, consulting, consumer advocacy, non-governmental, local, state and federal health agencies. They will have prospects to work in disease surveillance, community engagement, maternal and child health, and environmental health.

Find out more about Public Health:

<http://uwf.edu/cseh/departments/public-health-clinical-health-sciences/>