

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH POLICY

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For those seeking a solid foundation in the substance of health policy and the skills of health policy analysis, but who do not wish to undertake the full master of public health degree program, the Milken Institute School of Public Health (SPH) Department of Health Policy and Management offers an 18-credit graduate certificate. Designed to provide both basic and advanced-level skills in policy research and analysis, the program curriculum includes elective course offerings; in consultation with their advisor, students use these options to craft a personalized course of study to fit their particular needs and interests.

The graduate certificate in health policy may be taken on its own; as a supplement to a master of public health degree from a different Milken Institute SPH department or as a supplement to a graduate degree from another school. When pursued as a supplement to the master's degree from a different Milken Institute SPH department, 6 credits from the MPH degree may be counted toward the 18 credits required for the certificate, allowing students to complete both the degree and certificate program simultaneously by taking 57 credits.

Visit the program webpage (<http://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/health-policy-certificate/>) for additional information.

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 18 credits, including 13 credits in required courses and 5 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy	
PUBH 6310	Statistical Analysis in Health Policy	
PUBH 6315	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis	
PUBH 6320	Advanced Health Policy Analysis	
<b>Electives</b>		
5 credits in health policy elective courses.		

## Graduation Requirements

- Graduate credit requirement: 18 graduate credits are required.

- The program director/advisor must pre-approve all course selections and course sequencing by developing a "program of study" prior to the student's initial registration. Graduate certificate students meet with their advisor each semester before registration. All changes in this program of study must be pre-approved by the program director/advisor.
- Successful completion of the required online CITI human subject research training modules.
- Successful completion of 8 Professional Enhancement hours.
- Grade point requirement: A 3.0 (B average) overall grade-point average or above is required.
- Time limit requirement: The certificate must be completed within two years.
- Transfer credit policy: The program director/advisor may approve up to 4 graduate credits that have not been applied to a previous graduate degree to be transferred to the graduate certificate. The course(s) must be relevant to the graduate certificate. Credits must have been earned in the last three years with a grade of 3.0 or above.
- Transfer to Degree Program Policy: Students can transfer as many credits as meet program requirements to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program from the Public Health Graduate Certificate. Students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so via the online change of concentration petition after completion of three or more courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A grade of B or above is required for a course to be eligible for transfer. Students interested in applying to an MPH degree program should meet with departmental advisors regarding program-specific admission requirements. Transfer credits must have been completed within the past three years.