

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

OVERVIEW

Program Director: G. Gray

The mission of the graduate certificate in public health is to give students a basic, yet robust, understanding of all of the aspects of public health. The program consists of the core curriculum for the master of public health degree and is intended for individuals who are interested in learning more about the field of public health without committing to a full degree; are current professionals in the field and wish to be eligible to take the certifying examination in public health; or, who are interested in a degree in public health but are not sure what specific area of expertise they wish to pursue.

The 15 credits completed for the certificate can be applied toward an MPH degree should a student decide to further their studies. The certificate can be completed on-campus or online to allow students maximum flexibility while maintaining personal and professional commitments. Online courses are taught in 10-week modules across the calendar year (four modules per year); face-to-face courses are taught on campus in 14-week modules. The certificate must be completed within two years of matriculation.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/public-health-certificate/>) for more information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 15 credits in required courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practices of Epidemiology	
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Public Health Program Evaluation	
PUBH 6011	Environmental and Biological Foundations of Public Health	
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy	

Course work may be completed through residential or distance modalities. Additional certificate information is available on the SPH website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/public-health-certificate/>).

Requirements for the graduate certificate

1. Graduate credit requirement: 15 graduate credits
2. 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.
3. Grade point requirement: A 3.0 (B) overall grade point average or better.
4. Time limit requirement: The certificate must be completed within 2 years.
5. 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 3 or more courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. A grade of B or better 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 3 years.

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COMBINED PROGRAM

Combined program

- Dual Doctor of Medicine and Graduate Certificate in public health (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/combined-md-phgc/>)