

PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING (CERT)

Graduate Certificate in Public Health Training

Unit: School of Public Health and Information Sciences (<https://louisville.edu/sphis/>) GH

Program Website (<https://louisville.edu/sphis/academics/public-health-training-certificate/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): PHTRCGRO

This program is completed 100% online (<https://louisville.edu/online/programs/certificate-programs/online-graduate-certificate-in-public-health-training/>).

Program Information

The Graduate Certificate in Public Health Training provides individuals with the skills required for a career in a public health setting, integrating the four core areas of public health with practical applications for public health practice and preparedness. The twelve (12) credit curriculum is affiliated with the MPH degree and consists of the four core courses that are required of all MPH graduates. Students will learn the foundational theories and methods of epidemiology, biostatistics, health behavior, and health policy.

The Certificate also offers working public health professionals a flexible and convenient option for advancing their foundational public health knowledge, providing this knowledge to those professionals who may not be ready to fully commit to a traditional Master of Public Health (MPH) degree.

Those interested in the possibility of pursuing the Master of Public Health may use this program as a steppingstone towards completion of the MPH degree.

Admission Requirements

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Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum of 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale

The application requirements for programs at the University of Louisville are submitted to the Graduate School and include:

- Graduate application (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>) submitted to the Graduate School
- Official transcripts indicating conferral of a bachelor's degree
- Curriculum vitae
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation related to the applicant's academic or professional history
- Application fee
- Students whose primary language is not English must show English language proficiency by attaining one of the following:
 - TOEFL score of 79 or higher (after conversion for test type)
 - IELTS test score of 6.5 or higher
 - Duolingo English test score of 105 or higher
- Demonstration of a degree award from an acceptable English language institution, as formally documented by an appropriate institutional official.

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted for the Fall and Spring semester. There are no Summer admissions. There is no formal deadline.

For specific information about the degree program or the application process, please contact the MPH Program Coordinator at:

Email: sphismph@louisville.edu

Phone: (502) 852-6263.

Certificate Requirements

Curriculum

Twelve (12) credit hours of required coursework

Academic Standing

To maintain good academic standing in the Certificate in Public Health Training program, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for all coursework in the program. A student must be in good academic standing in order to receive the degree.

Any Certificate in Public Health Training student with a program cumulative GPA below 3.0 will be placed in probationary status. Any student who remains in probationary status for two consecutive terms may be considered for dismissal from the program.

Code	Title	Hours
PHST 500	Introduction to Biostatistics for Health Sciences I (Offered Fall semesters)	3
PHMS 501	Introduction to Public Health Practice and Administration (Offered Fall semesters)	3
PHPB 501	Introduction to Public Health Behavior (Offered Spring semesters)	3
PHEP 501	Introduction to Epidemiology (Offered Spring semesters)	3
Minimum Total Hours		12

If a student chooses to pursue the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at any time after enrolling or completing the Certificate program, then all coursework completed within the preceding three years with a grade of B or better may be applied towards the coursework for the MPH degree.