

PUBLIC HEALTH

The public health minor engages students in the history and philosophy of public health as well as its core values, concepts and functions across the globe and in society. The minor includes understanding of the socioeconomic, behavioral, and biological factors that impact human health and contribute to health disparities. Communication skills will be emphasized through writing, critical thinking, and other methods of oral and visual/electronic communication. The minor complements many majors such as Emergency Management, Sociology, Microbiology, Exercise Science, Nutrition, and Psychology and is a compliment to pre-health majors. Completing a minor in public health is also a great introduction for students thinking about graduate school to attain a Master of Public Health (MPH).

The field of public health is growing and there is increasing demand for public health professionals as well as other professionals in health-related fields as identified by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. More specifically, employment in the areas of health education, epidemiology, and statistics are identified as having a growing employment need.

The Program

The public health minor consists of 18 credits. The minor includes required courses that will provide the foundation, one professional writing course, and one elective choice among topics of nutrition, microbiology, political science, or sociology.

The Purpose

The public health minor will serve to engage students in the history and philosophy of public health as well as its core values, concepts and functions across the globe and in society. Courses identified will include the basic concepts, methods and tools of public health data collection.

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Public Health Minor Requirements

| Required Courses (12 credits) | Credits |
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| PH 101 Introduction to Public Health | 3 |
| STAT 330 Introductory Statistics | 3 |
| PH 474 Epidemiology | 3 |
| SOC 235 Cultural Diversity | 3 |
| Select one from the following (3 credits) | |
| ENGL 321 Writing in the Technical Professions | |
| ENGL 324 Writing in the Sciences | |
| ENGL 325 Writing in the Health Professions | |
| ENGL 326 Writing in the Design Professions | |
| ENGL 358 Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences | |
| Select one elective from the following (3 credits) | |
| EMGT 101 Emergencies, Disasters, and Catastrophes | |
| EMGT 445 Understanding Vulnerable Populations in Disasters | |
| HNES 200 Principles of Nutrition | |
| MICR 202 Introductory Microbiology & 202L Lab | |
| POLS 215 Problems and Policies in American Government | |
| SOC 431 Environmental Sociology | |
| Total Credits | 18 |

MINOR REQUIREMENTS AND NOTES

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.

Transfer Students

NDSU welcomes transfer students in all academic programs and accepts transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions. For transfer students, it is particularly important to connect with an advisor in your intended major, which can be found at: career-advising.ndsu.edu/transfer-student-advising-contacts. Each program has its own academic requirements and it's crucial to talk with an advisor early to ensure you're fulfilling those requirements.

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at:
www.ndsu.edu/transfer