Public Health, BS

NHPBHBS

Do you want to help people? A public health degree can prepare you to have an impact at the local, national and global levels.

Program Description

Public health is the practice of preventing disease and promoting good health within groups of people in communities or countries. The BS program in public health educates students through courses that focus on the five pillars of the field: epidemiology, environmental health, health administration, biostatistics, and health promotion and education.

The program provides students with the knowledge and skills that allow them to move into a range of entry-level employment opportunities within public health departments, agencies and organizations or to continue their education in graduate programs in public health or community health. While in the program, students undertake an internship that gives them practical experience in the public health workforce.

The BS in public health pairs well with the health education specialist certificate, the health care policy and delivery certificate, and the hospice and palliative care certificate, each offered by the College of Health Solutions.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [College of Health Solutions](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics MAT 117 College Algebra
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.
Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Studying abroad in the public health field is important to future success. Students expand their cultural competency and worldview to eliminate bias for when they begin work in the field; study abroad aids this expansion by providing exposure to unique health environments. Students can enhance their portfolio of experience through hands-on research which gives them an advantage in their field. Opportunities can
take place in various countries, including Tanzania, Guatemala, France and others.  
https://goglobal.asu.edu/

The College of Health Solutions recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in public health: https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/chs/public-health.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program qualify for entry-level positions in public health education, sanitation and environmental control, public health administration, health promotion and similar areas. Employment opportunities are available within national, state or local health departments and in community clinics, community or private advocacy groups, health education programs and nonprofit organizations.

Popular positions include:

- community health workers --- liaise with officials to improve the quality and cultural competence of health care service delivery to the community or to vulnerable groups
- environmental specialists --- investigate environmental health and food risks, advise the community on risk reduction and implement public health projects
- occupational health and safety specialists --- inspect workplaces for adherence to regulations and design programs for injury and illness prevention
- public health educators --- develop and implement strategies to improve the health of individuals and communities
- sanitarians --- observe facilities to ensure minimal disease spread, develop protocols for hygiene and monitor the handling of waste

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>16.8%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).
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