

Community Health, BS

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Are you interested in working with individuals and communities to improve access to health care? This degree can reflect your personal and professional values while helping you understand the current and future needs of the community at every level.

Program description

Modern health care extends beyond the hospital and into local neighborhoods. Whether it means ensuring everyone has access to nutritious and fresh foods or providing vulnerable populations with preventive checkups, health care is now a community matter.

The BS in community health develops leaders who are dedicated to addressing health challenges at their source and creating partnerships with both public and private organizations to leverage resources. By creating a communitywide response to these challenges, graduates can better advocate for patients and provide education opportunities for people of all backgrounds.

Students with an interest in community change find that this degree prepares them to be informed health activists, organizers, planners and well-rounded members of the local, regional and national community.


Key program areas of emphasis:

- advocacy for diverse individuals, families and communities
- providing health education, health promotion and care coordination
- providing understanding of environmental concerns and their impact on health
- understanding components of a healthy, sustainable community

Graduates of this program provide health education, health promotion, care coordination, disease management, health care navigation and advocacy services for individuals, families and communities.

This degree program has the same prerequisites as the nursing major; therefore, students may transition seamlessly to this program and obtain a bachelor's degree in a health-related field.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [West Valley](#), [ASU at Lake Havasu](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[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.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an [accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree](#) with:

[Aging, MS](#)

[Healthcare Innovation, MHI](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

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.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Study abroad allows community health students to learn how to address the health needs of diverse populations. By immersing themselves in a culture outside the United States, students can learn about global health trends and how people in another country have advocated for positive change in the health care systems of their communities. Students can find more information on the [Global Education website](#).

Career opportunities

Graduates may obtain employment as:

- community health managers
- community health outreach specialists
- health care navigators
- health promotion evaluators
- health services administrators

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Community Health Worker</u> ☀	14.1%	\$46,190
<u>Community Specialist</u> ☀	6.5%	\$47,290
<u>Guidance Counselor</u> ☀	5.4%	\$60,140
<u>Health Care Support Worker (General)</u> ☀	5.7%	\$40,420
<u>Health Technician (General)</u> ☀	6.6%	\$44,990
<u>Healthcare Professor</u> ☀	19.1%	\$100,300
<u>Medical and Health Services Manager</u> ☀	28.4%	\$104,830
<u>Patient Advocate</u> ☀	6.6%	\$44,990
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240

* 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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