

PUBLIC HEALTH - UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Public Health
www.kent.edu/publichealth

Examples of Possible Careers*

Medical and health services managers

- 31.5% much faster than the average
- 422,300 number of jobs
- \$104,280 potential earnings

Contact Information

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Fully Offered

- Online
- Kent Campus

***Note**
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description

The Public Health undergraduate certificate integrates key aspects of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, communities and individuals. The certificate program is aimed at students who are interested in gaining exposure to the field of public health, who do not intend to pursue a bachelor's degree or who already hold a bachelor's or associate degree and wish to broaden their knowledge of public health. Certificate graduates have an understanding of emerging issues in public health, the social and behavioral aspects to preventing disease, environmental health concepts, the changing U.S. health care system and the monitoring of diseases in the community through applied public health research.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the

admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
PH 10001	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH	3
PH 10002	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL HEALTH (DIVG)	3
PH 20001	ESSENTIALS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY	3
PH 30002	INTRODUCTORY BIOSTATISTICS	3
PH 30005	SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE THEORIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH	3
PH 30033	PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING ¹	3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

¹ Students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree may substitute NURS 40045 for PH 30033.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	2.000

- Students must declare themselves as a certificate candidate prior to completing half of the courses.
- Students must complete a minimum of 15 credits at Kent State University.