About This Program

The LGBTQ+ Public Health graduate certificate provides the foundational topics and complex issues that contribute to public health and individual health inequities affecting sexual and gender minorities through community- and systems-level strategies that promote health and healthy behaviors.

The certificate can be taken as a stand-alone program or within the Master of Public Health degree.

Contact Information

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery

- Delivery:
  - Fully online

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement (no longer required starting with spring 2025 admission term)
- Résumé (no longer required starting with spring 2025 admission term)
- English Language Proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following: ¹
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 DET score

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- Fall Semester
  - Rolling admissions
- Spring Semester
  - Rolling admissions

Program Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12

Graduation Requirements

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Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Comprehend unique considerations, definitions, nomenclature and common language necessary to engage and competently interact with populations in the delivery of LGBTQ+ health interventions and program development.
2. Examine barriers to healthcare access, commonly observed multilevel health disparities and evidence-based approaches to advancing health among the LGBTQ+ community.
3. Identify gaps in contemporary strategies for improving state, county and city government health and welfare services for LGBTQ+ people.