Public Health Degree Map

Health Sciences and Wellness

♦ TRANSFER DEGREE   M MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS   DL DISTANCE LEARNING

Career and Transfer Focus

Public Health is the study of protecting and improving the health of entire populations. Public Health professionals engage in research, disease and injury prevention, and detecting, preventing and responding to infectious diseases. The Public Health degree focuses on preparing you to transfer to a 4-year college program in Public Health. The Public Health degree is a specialized degree that will set you on the path to becoming a Public Health professional.

Three Reasons to Consider Public Health

1. SUNY Orange has articulation agreements with several four-year colleges to allow you to seamlessly continue your public health studies there.
2. You will study the history, philosophy, and core concepts of public health. In addition, you will learn the basic concepts of scientific inquiry and evidence-based research applied to public health service.
3. Instructors are dedicated to student-centered learning that focuses on what you need to know and be able to do as a public health professional. Our courses promote teamwork with peers to create a collaborative learning environment for students.

Keep This in Mind

The intent of this program is for you to complete two years and then transfer to a four-year college or university.

Some students transfer without getting their associate degree, but officially having your associate degree has many benefits.

Decide which four-year school you plan to attend right away. See your advisor. Your decision will affect the electives you will take.

There are many opportunities for hands-on practical/experiential learning.

Public Health Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: PBH 101, BIO 101, PES 100

Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1 (G10A [w] & G11A)	P	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (G3A & G6A)		3
MAT ___	SUNY Mathematics* (G1A)		3
BIO 101	General Biology 1 (G2A)		4
PBH 101	Introduction to Public Health		3
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Attend program-based orientation
- Before registering each semester, check your Degree Works to see what classes you should take to stay on track.
- See your faculty program advisor with any questions you have

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2 (G7A & G12A)	P	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology (G3A)		3
MAT 120	Introduction to Statistics (G1A)	P	3
BIO 102	General Biology 2 (G2A)	P	4
PBH 102	Promoting Healthy People and Communities		3
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

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- Check back in with your faculty program advisor to discuss if this is the right program for you and update your plan of study as needed
- Check in with your faculty program advisor to make sure all degree requirements are being met
- Connect with College support services as necessary
- If you haven't already, join a club that aligns with your interests

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
COM 101	Foundations of Communication (G10A [o] & G11A)		3
_____	Restricted SUNY Elective**		3
PHL 220	Ethics (G7A)	P	3
PBH 203	Concepts of Epidemiology	P/C	3
PBH 204	Global Health		3
PES ___	Physical Education Elective		0.5
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	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones
During this semester, students should:

- See your faculty advisor to see what classes you should take to stay on track
- See your faculty program advisor with any questions you have
- Research transfer options and explore employment and internship opportunities
- Meet with Department Chair for a discussion on public health related careers and transfer opportunities/articulation agreements

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
PED 112	Contemporary Health		3
_____	Restricted SUNY Elective***		3
BIO 125	Nutrition		3
PES 100	Concepts of Physical Wellness		1
_____	Any Social Science Elective		3
PBH 205	U.S. Health Care System		3
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones
During this semester, students should:

- Complete specific degree requirements and begin preparing for graduation
- Check in with your faculty program advisor to make sure all degree requirements are met
- Attend a panel session with public health professionals and alumni to learn about their path and ask questions
- Apply for graduation

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 64

*MAT 102 or higher

**Select from G8A (SUNY Arts) or G9A (SUNY World Languages)

***Select from G4A (SUNY US History & Gov) or G5A (SUNY World History)