

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

- **Credit Hours:** 120 hours
- **Concentrations:** No
- **Declaring the Major:** Declaring the Pre-Public Health (PRPH) pre-major: Change of Major form accepted year-round; advising in CHHS Advising Center required prior to declaration. Focus on completing Public Health prerequisite curriculum prior to applying to Upper Division (BSPH) major. Admission to BSPH major: Minimum prerequisite: GPA of 2.5; 60 earned credits. Competitive admissions. Various admission criteria include GPA, core course grades, work or volunteer experience, and personal essays. BSPH applications submitted by 5:00 pm on the second Friday in February for fall semester admission ONLY.
- **Advising (For the Major):** Advising (pre-major): CHHS Advising Center. Required on declaration of the pre-major and before application to the Upper Division major; recommended more frequently as needed. Advising (major): Public Health Sciences faculty advisors.
- **Advising (For General Education):** CHHS Advising Center.
- **Minimum Grades/GPA:** Minimum grade of C in each Public Health prerequisite course and major course expected. Grade of B is recommended for the prerequisite courses. GPA of 2.5 in HLTH major courses is required for graduation.
- **Teacher Licensure:** No
- **Evening Classes Available:** Night classes are not a regular offering.
- **Weekend Classes Available:** No
- **Other Information:** CHHS Advising Center, CHHS 103, 704-687-7922. Academics and Advising in the Department of Public Health Sciences: <http://publichealth.uncc.edu/student-resources>
- **Contact(s):** Department of Public Health Sciences, CHHS 433, 704-687-7191

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health program at UNC Charlotte is fully accredited by the Council on Education and Public Health (CEPH). The program is designed to prepare scholar-practitioners with knowledge and skills in the core concepts of public health. The BSPH coursework provides students with a solid foundation in the core disciplines of public health (health behavior, epidemiology, administration, environmental health, and biostatistics), and the internship and capstone experiences allow students to integrate and demonstrate their knowledge and analytical skills in research and practice settings. The BSPH prepares students for work in entry-level to mid-level positions in a variety of settings including health-related agencies, hospitals, local and state public health departments, academic research centers and institutes, corporate disease management and wellness programs, non-profit agencies, and healthcare businesses and industries. Students completing the BSPH program meet the requirements needed to sit for the nationally recognized Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam.

While completing the Public Health prerequisite courses, students apply to the Upper Division BSPH program. Admission is competitive; not all students who apply and who meet the minimum requirements are accepted into the major. Students are admitted once a year for the BSPH program that begins each fall. Admission decisions are made by the Department in late spring for fall admission to the program. The Department offers admission to applicants whose credentials present the best qualifications among those meeting minimum requirements.

Minimum criteria for admission to the Upper Division BSPH major:

- Completion of prerequisite courses, with a minimum grade of C and recommended grade of B in each, by the end of the summer term prior to fall admission {HLTH 2101, HLTH 3101, HLTH 4280, Quantitative courses (6 hrs), Science courses (7 hrs), and Social Science courses (3 hrs)}
- Cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.5
- Minimum of 60 total earned credits by the end of the summer term prior to fall admission
- Statement of Interest
- Submission of the Application for Admission to the Upper Division by 5:00 pm on the second Friday in February.
- Health-related professional experience (internships, volunteer, community service, or paid work) is recommended.

Areas	Credit Hours	Description
<b>Pre-Major/ Prerequisites</b>	31-32	Healthy Lifestyles (HLTH 2101), Foundations of Public Health (HLTH 3101), Global Health Issues (HLTH 4280), Math 1100 or above, Statistics (STAT 1222), Science with lab, Science with or without lab, Social Science, 2 health-related Communications courses.
<b>Major</b>	50	32 credits: Required courses also fulfill the General Education Communication Skills requirements for two writing intensive courses. 18 credits: Culture and Health and Health-Related Electives.
<b>General Education</b> <i>(not satisfied by other major requirements)</i>	18	UWRT 1101 and 1102 (or 1103), Liberal Studies (4 courses, see General Education link below)
<b>Related Work</b>	15-26	Completion of any UNC Charlotte minor <i>except</i> Public Health (HLTH)
<b>Foreign Language</b>	-	Foreign Language proficiency is not required.
<b>Electives</b>	0-6	As needed to complete 120 hours
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	120	

The BSPH major requires students to complete a specific curriculum in a prescribed sequence over two years. Culture and Health electives and Health-Related electives are scheduled around the major courses. An internship occurs after the first two semesters of upper division courses. Students prepare in February for the summer or fall internship and submit updated immunization records, a criminal background check, a drug screening, bloodborne pathogens training, and proof of liability insurance prior to beginning the internship.

# SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

## Freshman Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
UWRT 1101	Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts I	3	X		
MATH 1100	College Algebra	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Science with Lab	4	X		
LBST 110X	Arts & Society	3	X		
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
UWRT 1102	Writing in the Academic Community	3	X		
STAT 1222	Elementary Statistics	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Science without Lab	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	ANTH 1101 GEOG 1105 ECON 1101, 2101 POLS 1110 SOCY 1101	3	X		Choose Social Science Course
LBST 2101	Western Cultural and Historical Awareness	3	X		

28 Credit Hours for Year

## Sophomore Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
HLTH 3101	Foundations of Public Health	3			
HLTH 4280	Global Health Issues	3			
HTLH 2101	Healthy Lifestyles	3			
LBST 2102	Global and Intercultural Connections	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Health-Related Communication	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
LBST 221X	Ethical Issues and Cultural Critique	3	X		
XXXX XXXX	Health-Related Communication	3			
XXXX XXXX	Minor Course	3			
XXXX XXXX	Minor Course	3			
XXXX XXXX	Minor Course or Oral Intensive (O) Course	3	X	O	

30 Credit Hours for Year

## Junior Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
HLTH 3102	Comparative Healthcare Systems	3			
HLTH 3105	Public Health Education and Promotion	3			
XXXX XXXX	Culture & Health Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Health-Related Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Minor Course	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
HLTH 3103	Behavior Change Theories and Practice	3			
HLTH 3104	Research and Statistics in Health	3			
HLTH 3104L	Research and Statistics in Health Lab	1			
XXXX XXXX	Culture & Health Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Health-Related Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Health-Related Communication	3			
<i>Summer Semester</i>					
HLTH 4400	Public Health Internship	3	X	W	

34 Credit Hours for Year

## Senior Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
HLTH 4600	Public Health Capstone	3	X	W	
HLTH 4103	Environmental Health	3			
HLTH 4104	Epidemiology	3			
XXXX XXXX	Health-Related Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Minor Course	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
HLTH 4105	Program Planning and Evaluation	3			
HLTH 4105L	Program Planning and Evaluation Lab	1			
HLTH 4102	Healthcare Administration	3			
XXXX XXXX	Health-Related Elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Minor Course	3			
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31 Credit Hours for Year

## ADVISING RESOURCES

- General Education Requirements for ALL Students: [ucol.uncc.edu/general-education](http://ucol.uncc.edu/general-education)
- Undergraduate Catalog: [catalog.uncc.edu](http://catalog.uncc.edu)
- Central Advising website: [advising.uncc.edu](http://advising.uncc.edu)
- College of Health & Human Services advising website: [health.uncc.edu/advising-center](http://health.uncc.edu/advising-center)
- University Advising Center website: [advisingcenter.uncc.edu](http://advisingcenter.uncc.edu)