

PUBLIC HEALTH (B.S.P.H.)

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.P.H.) degree is designed to prepare students for various careers in addressing the health and wellness needs of individuals, families, communities, and populations, at scales ranging from local to global (Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, 2015). Public health includes aspects of epidemiology, environmental health, community health, emergency preparedness, health policy, health law, and health economics. Contemporary issues addressed by public health professionals include: disease prevention, natural disaster response, reducing health disparities, climate change and health, health education, tobacco cessation, diet and exercise promotion, and immunization campaigns, among many other population health-related activities.

The curriculum is designed to prepare graduates of the program for multiple pathways: employment as a public health professional; graduate study in areas such as public health, health services administration, allied health fields such as occupational physical therapy or physician assistant programs. Students are responsible for researching the admission requirements of specific graduate degree programs. Students may pursue the degree requirements on a full-time or part-time basis. Service learning experiences and a capstone project are components of the major program of study.

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

For timely degree completion, students must complete appropriate milestones. Failure to meet milestone requirements may result in required major reselection. Refer to the program website or Student Guidebook for further information on milestones and progression standards.

In addition to the program requirements, students must:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits.
- Complete at least 48 of the 120 credits in the upper division (3000 - 4999 level).
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all coursework attempted at FGCU.
- Earn a minimum grade of C in each course where indicated. A grade of C- does not satisfy the minimum grade requirement of C.
- Satisfy the College-Level Skills and foreign language entrance requirements.
- Satisfy the Service-Learning requirement.
- Satisfy the Civic Literacy requirement.
- Satisfy the residency requirement: 30 of the last 60 credits must be completed at FGCU.
- Complete the summer course enrollment requirement.
- Submit an Application for Graduation by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
FGCU General Education Program (https://www.fgcu.edu/academics/undergraduatestudies/generaleducation/)		
To prevent or minimize excess hours, select general education courses that satisfy common prerequisite requirements for your intended major.		
Common Prerequisites		

For this major, common prerequisite courses with an asterisk (*) require prior knowledge and skills demonstrated through degree acceleration programs (e.g., the College Board's Advanced Placement Program [AP], International Baccalaureate Program [IB], College-Level Examination Program [CLEP], Advanced International Certificate of Education Program [AICE]); dual enrollment; placement exam; or college coursework.

A minimum grade of C is required in each course

BSC 1085C	Hum Anat & Physio w/Lab I (Acceptable Substitute: BSCX093C or (BSCX093 and BSCX093L) or BSCX085C or (BSCX085 and BSCX085L) or ZOXX733C or (ZOXX733 and ZOXX733L) or (ZOXX731 and ZOXX731L))	4
BSC 1086C	Hum Anat & Physio w/Lab II (Acceptable Substitute: BSCX094C or (BSCX094 and BSCX094L) or BSCX086C or (BSCX086 and BSCX086L))	4
PSY 2012	General Psychology (Acceptable Substitute: PSY X012)	3
STA 2023	Statistical Methods (Acceptable Substitute: STAX000-X999 or STAX023) ^{*, 1}	3

Required Courses in the Major (48 credits)

A minimum grade of C is required in each course

HSA 3150	Health Care Policy in US	3
HSC 3201	Healthy Communities	3
HSC 3202	Introduction to Public Health	3
HSC 3208	Health Education Foundations	3
HSC 3624	Global Health Systems & Issues	3
HSC 3661C	Dynamics of Communication	3
HSC 4241	Needs Assmt & Program Plan	3
HSC 4500	Epidemiology	3
HSC 4555	Disease, Impairment & Function	3
IHS 3203	Mgmt. & Leadership in Hlthcare	3
IHS 4504	Research Methods in HealthCare	3
PHC 3320	Environmental Health Science	3
PHC 4031	Emerging Infectious Diseases	3
PHC 4069	Biostatistics in Society	3
PHC 4250	Public Health Preparedness	3
PHC 4912	Public Health Capstone	3

Restricted Electives in the Major (9 credits)

A minimum grade of C is required in each course

Select three from the following:

HSA 3013	Mgmt for Non-profit Agencies	3
HSA 3111	US Health Care Systems	3
HSA 4170	Financial Mgt in Health Care	3
HSA 4416	Social Dimensions & Issues HC	3
HSC 2577	Nutri Human Health & Wellness	3
HSC 3133	Health and Human Sexuality	3
HSC 3537	Medical Terminology	3
OTH 3417C	Musculoskeletal Anatomy	3
OTH 3429C	Neuroanatomy & Function	3
PHC 4024	Applied Epidemiology	3
PHC 4109	Public Health Biology	3

PHC 4140	GIS for Public Health	3
PHC 4943	Public Health Internship	3
Sustainability Course Graduation Requirement		(3 credits)

Select at least 3 credits in sustainability coursework (SCGR Attribute)

Additional Electives

As needed to reach total credits required for the degree

¹ Prerequisites of MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra minimum grade of C;
or relevant accelerated credit; or placement exam

Total Credits Required: 120