Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts

The Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts (PHCert-CC) is a program in the Public Health Practice Program at the School of Public Health. It is designed for working health and human service professionals with a baccalaureate or advanced degree who wish to develop a credential in public health core concepts.

Program Curriculum
The content in the Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts is the same as the core content taught in the School of Public Health, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree programs.

All courses are available online. Students will be able to register, receive materials, interact with faculty and fellow students, and complete this program without traveling to the campus. Access to the Internet is required. Online courses are completed during the specific term of registration. These instructor-led, term-based courses are completed in accordance with the schedule set by the instructor.

Curriculum—15-16 credits
- Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (PubH 6020, 2 credits)
- Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (PubH 6102, 2 credits) OR Environmental Health (6101, 2 credits)
- Fundamentals of Epidemiology (PubH 6320, 3 credits)
- Biostatistical Literacy (PubH 6414, 3 credits) or 6450, 4 credits
- Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (PubH 6741, 1 credit)
- Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (PubH 6751, 2 credits)
- Foundation of Public Health (PubH 6250, 2 credits)

Course Substitutions
Substitution with on-campus courses that meet public health core area requirements may be taken with prior approval. Check with a Public Health Practice Program Coordinator for selection and approval process.

Certificate Program Requirements
To be awarded the PHCert-CC, admitted students must:
- Take and complete the above listed courses (or approved substitutions) for graduate credit;
- Earn no less than a B- in any one core course;
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least a B level (3.0 on a 4.0 scale); and
- Complete the certificate program within four years of matriculation.

Applying to a University of Minnesota Degree Program
Students enrolled in the Public Health Certificate in Core Concepts may apply for admission into a University of Minnesota degree program. The application process for each degree program must be followed and determination of admission is at the degree program’s discretion. Admission to or completion of the PHCert-CC Program does not guarantee admission to any University of Minnesota degree program. If admitted to any M.P.H. degree program, PHCert-CC required core courses may be used to meet the M.P.H. degree program requirements and will not count as transfer credits.

Special Notes on Application to a Master of Public Health Degree Program
The Environmental Health and Executive Program in Public Health Practice M.P.H. degree programs will waive the GRE requirement for admission if a student has...
completed the PHCert-CC with a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average.

**Tuition and Fees**
- All certificate students will be charged in-state resident tuition rates regardless of state of residency.

**Qualifications for Admission**
- Baccalaureate degree or higher
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 is preferred
- Strong writing skills
- Basic math and science coursework, e.g. college algebra, biology
- Relevant work and/or educational experience

All applications are reviewed holistically

**Application Process**
Application is online through SOPHAS Express (sophasexpress.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#login). You will need to supply the following:

- Statement of purpose and objectives describing the reason for applying, career goals, and how the PHCert-CC will help to achieve desired goals
- One letter of recommendation from a person qualified to assess your academic work, professional experiences, or leadership potential in public health.
- Copies of transcripts from each U.S. college/university in which you earned a degree.
  
  **Note:** If you are admitted, you will be required to submit official transcripts directly to the School of Public Health.
- Résumé or C.V.
- TOEFL or IELTS test scores (international applicants only)
- Applicants who have a degree(s) from a foreign institution should provide a World Educational Services (WES) ICAP course-by-course evaluation of their academic credentials. Have WES send the evaluation directly to the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

**Application Deadlines**
Applications are accepted for fall, spring and summer terms.*

Please see our website for current application deadline information: www.sph.umn.edu/students/prospective/admissions/deadlines

*International applicants are eligible for admission for fall term only.