

Public health practice and program management is designed to prepare experienced clinicians (i.e., in medicine, dentistry, nursing, social work, etc.) and public health practitioners with the knowledge and skillset to assume leadership roles apart of multidisciplinary health care teams. A degree in this specialty incorporates features of several other public health disciplines and specialties including maternal and child health, substance abuse, mental health and environmental health, among others.

Admissions Test: GRE

Years of Higher Education: 6-9 (4 undergrad, 2-3 advanced)

Degree Earned: Master's

Certification/Licensure:

Certified Public Health Exam

You can pursue any major and apply to public health programs

HPA recommends that pre-public health students maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0, although many programs and schools will have GPA averages above this minimum.

You might find that many public health programs do not have listed prerequisite courses. Prerequisites can depend on the area of study you are interested in. HPA recommends that students interested in public health take courses in statistics, sociology of health, epidemiology, or health psychology. Those interested in Biostatistics and/or Informatics should check their schools of interest for computer science & programming requirements.