

# PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

## Undergraduate Program Information

The curriculum in public health prepares students for careers in community and public health programs, also in voluntary, private and governmental agencies. Upon completion of the degree, the graduate is eligible to take the national Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) examination administered by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. The Bachelor of Public Health program is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Public Health degree in the Department of Public Health Sciences at NMSU are first admitted as pre-public health (PPHL) students. Students keep this designation until they have met the following admissions requirements:

1. A cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.5 after completing specified general education coursework (the common core).
2. A grade of C- or better in prerequisite departmental courses
 

| Prefix     | Title                                     | Credits |
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| PHLS 1110G | Personal Health & Wellness                | 3       |
| PHLS 3210  | Foundations of Community Health Education | 3       |
| PHLS 3220  | Foundations of Public Health              | 3       |
3. A grade of C- or better in MATH 1215 Intermediate Algebra.
4. A grade of C- or better in MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics or MATH 2350G Statistical Methods or A ST 311 Statistical Applications..
5. Submission of an application packet that includes
  - a. a brief personal statement of interest in the profession, and
  - b. a completed application for the Bachelor of Public Health degree program.

The Bachelor of Public Health (BPH) degree program accepts applicants during the Spring and Fall semesters. The deadlines for accepting application packets are September 15th for Spring admission and February 15th for Fall admission. All applications must be submitted to the Program Advisor at the Center for Academic Advising and Student Support at Garcia Center. Courses are offered both face-to-face and online.

Applicants may receive a conditional acceptance into the program if they are currently enrolled in the last of the required prerequisites at the time they submit an application to the Bachelor of Public Health degree program. Such conditional acceptance will be revoked if the applicant does not successfully complete each of the prerequisite courses.

Students must attain a grade of C- or better in all required PHLS core coursework.

Failure to obtain a satisfactory grade of C- or better in any two PHLS courses could be grounds for dismissal from the program. Any student who receives two or more grades of D or F in required PHLS core courses must petition, in writing, to continue as a major.

## Graduate Program Information

### MPH

The Department of Public Health Sciences offers the Master of Public Health degree (MPH) in Health Behavior and Health Promotion

concentration and Health Management, Administration, and Policy concentration. The Master's degree programs prepare public health professionals to function in a variety of settings, including health programs at the local, state, and federal government levels; profit and nonprofit organizations and agencies; worksite settings; and educational institutions. The MPH program is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Students may participate in either the full-time on-campus MPH program with HBHP concentration or either of the part-time (i.e., two courses/semester) online programs, including HBHP concentration or the HMAP concentration. All coursework for online degrees can be completed off-campus utilizing web-based technologies aimed at meeting the needs of working students and others for whom a campus-based program is not an option.

Admission to the MPH program is on a continuous (rolling) basis with two deadlines. The deadline for spring semester admission is November 15, and the deadline for fall admission is March 15.

### HES PhD

The Department of Public Health Sciences offers a PhD in Health Equity Sciences (PhD) with concentrations in Socio-Cultural and Behavioral Sciences, Applied Biostatistics (Joint NMSU/UNM concentration), Health Administration and Policy, Health Across the Lifespan, Environmental and Occupational Health.

This doctoral program will provide graduates with comprehensive research training to prepare them for positions of leadership in state, federal, and global governmental and non-governmental agencies, public health and social justice organizations, healthcare provider organizations, and institutions of higher learning. Students will develop the skills and experience necessary to address growing and complex problems that underlie health and healthcare inequities, as well as emerging health threats.

Admission to the PhD occurs bi-annually on even years.

## Admissions Requirements

MPH Admissions: <https://publichealth.nmsu.edu/graduate-program/welcome.html>

PhD Admissions: <https://publichealth.nmsu.edu/phd-in-health-equity-sciences/phd-admissions-requirements.html>

Applications are now completed online at <http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/>.

For more information, contact the respective Graduate Coordinator at [tomaka@nmsu.edu](mailto:tomaka@nmsu.edu) (MPH) or [tstimatz@nmsu.edu](mailto:tstimatz@nmsu.edu) (PhD), or visit the website: [publichealth.nmsu.edu](https://publichealth.nmsu.edu) (<https://publichealth.nmsu.edu>).