

# 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
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

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.

## Admissions Requirements

In addition to meeting all admissions requirements of the Graduate School, applicants must meet the following departmental requirements:

- Complete a short personal statement describing the applicant's reasons for wishing to pursue the MPH degree at NMSU. Any paid or volunteer work performed in a public health or related agency setting should also be described in detail, including the length of work and descriptions of the work typically performed as part of the job.
- Submit at least three letters of reference from former faculty and/or employers.

Applications are now completed online. Go to <http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/>. For more information, contact the Graduate Coordinator at [mphapps@nmsu.edu](mailto:mphapps@nmsu.edu), or visit the website: [publichealth.nmsu.edu](https://publichealth.nmsu.edu) (<https://publichealth.nmsu.edu>).