

Public Health Minor

The Public Health minor provides students the opportunity to complement their major with a solid introduction to the field of public health. This minor is appropriate for students from all other majors at TCNJ, but especially those considering careers or further study in health related professions such as medicine, nursing, community or global public health, public health policy, health management, social work, clinical psychology, biostatistics, health communications, medical journalism, medical anthropology, and other fields.

NOTE: According to TCNJ policy, students may double-count one course from a minor into a major or interdisciplinary concentration. For public health minors, this does not include the co-requisite course. However, only one course from core, biological aspects, or social/behavioral aspects may count towards both a major and an interdisciplinary concentration.

Public Health Minor Core Requirements (5 units)

- Introduction to Epidemiology (PBH 240)
- A Global Health Course from the following: PBH 375 Population Approaches to World Health, PBH 301 Perspectives in Global Public Health – Haiti Mission, COM 415: International Communication, COM 460: Global Health, Communication and Social Change or SOC/PBH 372 Global Public Health
- A Policy Course from the following: PBH 376 Health Systems, Administration and Policy, NUR 300 Contemporary Legal Challenges in Healthcare, or SOC/PBH 373 US Public Health and Social Policy.
- A Communication Course: COM 342: Lifespan Communication, COM 345: New Media and Health Culture, COM 403: Health Communication Campaigns: A Social Marketing Approach, COM 415: International Communication, COM 460: Global Health, Communication and Social Change
- A Public Health Option (See list below)

Co-requisite in Methods/Statistics (1 unit)

Complete at least one of the following:

- Research Methods (PBH 401) or an equivalent course in another major (e.g. SOC 302, PSY 299)
- Statistics (STA 115 or 215) or an equivalent course in another major (e.g. ECO 231, PSY 203)

Public Health Options (1 unit)

- Health Education (PBH 250)
- Public Health Grant Writing for Foundations (PBH 406)
- Health Analytics: Identifying, Collecting, And Analyzing Big Data (prerequisites PBH 401 and STA 115) (PBH 402)
- Health Informatics (PBH 403)
- Poverty and Welfare in US (SOC 365)
- Culture, Health and Illness (SOC/ANT 371)
- Health Disparities (SOC 377)
- Biomedical Ethics (PHL 255) [prereq. 1 course in philosophy or permission of instructor]
- Biopsychology (PSY 212) [prereq. PSY 101]

- Health Psychology (PSY 340) [prereq. PSY 101]
- Inequality, Pollution and the Environment (SOC 345)
- Gender and Public Policy (WGS 330)
- Women and Health (WGS 210)
- Wellness Promotion Across the Lifespan (PBH/NUR 220)
- Caring in Community Health/Science (NUR 440)
- Alternatively, another relevant course may be approved by request to the Public Health department chair, preferably prior to course enrollment

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Declaration of Public Health Minor

Students may declare the minor with approval from the Chair of Public Health and by submitting a completed Application for Minor Course of Study form, which may be downloaded from the Records and Registration website. Once signed by the Chair, the form must be submitted to Records and Registration. Note: Students must submit the Application for Minor Course of Study form at least one semester before graduation.

Students must satisfy the minor requirements according to the Bulletin in effect at the time of their formal declaration. Minors must be officially declared before the deadline for applying for graduating in a given term. Minors not completed at the time of graduation will be dropped from the student's record. Students are encouraged to declare intended minors as soon as possible, as some classes are restricted to majors and minors.