

**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. Students should declare the Minor as early as possible to make sure follow the courses will count towards Public Health minor.

**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 that covers public health research like case control or cohort studies (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 Minor Core Requirements (4 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, COM 415: International Communication, COM 460: Global Health, Communication and Social Change.
- A Policy Course from the following: PBH 376 Health Systems, Administration and Policy, NUR 300 Legal Challenges in Health Care.
- A Communication Course: COM 293: Health & Risk Communication: A Social Marketing Approach, COM 335: Interpersonal Health Communication, COM 342: Lifespan Communication, COM 345: New Media and Health Communication, COM 415: International Communication, COM 460: Global Health, Communication and Social Change

**\*\*\*Note that some graduate level courses can be counted for Global Health, Policy and/or Communication courses**

**Public Health Options (1 unit)**

- ANT 341: Environmental Anthropology (1 unit)
- ANT/SOC 371: Culture, Health, and Illness (1 unit)
- ECO 320: Health Economics (1 unit)
- PBH/NUR 220: Wellness Promotion Across the Lifespan (1 unit)
- PBH 255: Social Inequalities in a Developing Context (Brazil Trip)(1 unit)
- PBH/NUR 300: Legal Challenges in Health Care (1 unit)
- PBH/NUR 301: Perspectives in Global Public Health (1 unit)
- PBH 350: Health Education (1 unit) (CHES related course)

- PBH 389 Epidemiology and Aging (1 unit)
- PBH 406: Foundation Grant Writing for Public Health (1 unit)
- PHL 225: Biomedical Ethics (1 unit)
- PSY 340: Health Psychology (1 unit)
- SOC 345: Inequality, Pollution, and Environment (1 unit)
- SOC 374: Medical Sociology: Health, Illness and Biomedicine in the US (1 unit)
- SOC 377: Health Disparities in the US (1 unit)
- WGS 209: Reproductive Justice: Transnational Perspectives (1 Unit)
- WGS 210: Women and Health – Power, Politics, and Change (1 unit)
- WGS 235: Gender and Violence (1 unit)
- Alternatively, another relevant course or a PBHG graduate level course may be approved by request to the Public Health department chair, preferably prior to course enrollment

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.

### **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.