



2025-2026 PROGRAM GUIDE: Graduate Certificate – Public Health

Information in this document is updated annually. Please refer to the document for the year you entered the program. Student resources, policies, and procedures applicable to all School of Public Health graduate students can be found on the SPH website, www.ohsu-psu-sph.org.

Overview

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<https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/degree-programs/graduate-certificates/certificate-public-health/>

Graduates of the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health Graduate Certificate in Public Health (GCPH) have a solid foundation in the five core public health knowledge areas, abilities, and skills. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Board of Public Health Examiners Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam.

Graduates often remain in their current positions in public health systems or advance in their careers.

Program Competencies

At the end of the Graduate Certificate in Public Health program, graduates will be able to:

- Use principles of statistical inference for critical reading and interpretation of reports of statistical analysis and of public health problems.
- Apply epidemiologic methods to identify patterns of disease and injury.
- Analyze the environmental and occupational impacts on the health of a population.
- Identify and analyze major issues in health services and systems associated with the delivery, quality, and costs of health care.
- Communicate theoretical principles, constructs, and models used to understand and affect the behavioral aspects of health.

GC: Public Health Program of Study

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Required Coursework (17 Credits)		
BSTA 525	Introduction to Biostatistics	4
EPI 512	Epidemiology I	4
ESHH 511	Concepts of Environmental Health	3
HSMP 574	Health Systems Organization	3
PHE 512	Principles of Health Behavior	3
Commonly Taken Electives (3 Credits)		
CPH 507A	Current Issues in Public Health	3
CPH 510	Transforming Public Health Practice: A Systems Approach	3
CPH 515	Geographic Information Systems for Public Health	3
CPH 526	Epidemiology of Aging and Chronic Disease	3
CPH 527	Applied Epidemiology	3
CPH 531	Social Justice and Public Health	3
Total Credits		20



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GC: Public Health Recommended Course Sequencing - Always consult your Faculty Advisor regarding your program of study and course selection to determine the schedule that fits best.

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
BSTA 525 Intro to Biostats (4 cr.)	ESHH 511 Cncpts Environ Hlth (3 cr.)	PHE 512 Prin Hlth Behvr (3 cr.)	
EPI 512 Epidemiology I (4 cr.)	HSMP 574 Hlth Sys (3 cr.)	CPH Elective	

Graduate Student Resources, Policies, and Procedures

[Policies and procedures](https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/graduate-students-policies-and-procedures/) applicable to all School of Public Health graduate students can be found on the SPH website at <https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/graduate-students-policies-and-procedures/>. Please review the student policies and procedures listed there, including but not limited to the following sections:

- └ Advising
- └ Academic Standing
- └ Academic Dismissal
- └ Academic Dishonesty
- └ Codes of Conduct
- └ Educational Records Privacy
- └ Minimum Course Grade Requirements
- └ Recognition of Prior Earned Credit
- └ Course Waiver Policy
- └ Incomplete Coursework
- └ Course Approvals (Electives)
- └ Independent Study
- └ International Travel and Coursework
- └ Continuous Enrollment
- └ Leave of Absence
- └ Withdrawal Policy
- └ Time Limits
- └ Grievance Resolution
- └ Degree and Certificate Conferral

[Academic resources](#) and [student support services](#) available to SPH graduate students are listed on the SPH website, www.ohsu-psu-sph.org. Please review the resources listed there.