

ALBANY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

MINOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health is an interdisciplinary field that integrates knowledge and skills from a wide range of academic disciplines to promote the health and safety of communities. The minor in Public Health at ACPHS complements an education in clinical or biomedical sciences by emphasizing the broader socio-cultural, structural, and economic contexts in which individuals and populations experience health and illness. The minor introduces students to the core perspectives and competencies of Public Health, including the central role of research, while retaining flexibility to personalize the program around students' interests and plans.

MINOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIRED COURSES

This 18-credit hour minor in public health is open to all ACPHS students. To complete this minor successfully, a minimum GPA of 2.5 across all minor coursework is required.

Foundations of Public Health (9 total credit hours):

- **PBH 120 Intro to Public Health (3 credit hours)**
- **Foundations in Public Health Selectives (6 credit hours)**
Two courses chosen from: ETH 310 Bioethics; COM 312 Health Promotion; COM 315 Health Campaigns; PSY 321 Health Psychology; SOC 325 Medical Sociology; HIS 330 History of Public Health and Medicine; SOC 335 Global Health; PBH 345 Community Health Practice; SOC 350 Determinants of Health; SOC 420 Health and Social Policy; PAD 451 US and Global Health Care Systems

Health Care Selectives (9 total credit hours):

- **Research Selective (3 credit hours)**
One course chosen from: PBH 210/211 Introduction to Data; SOC 301 Research Methods; PBH 320 Geography of Health; PBH 345 Survey Research Methods; COM 350 Qualitative Methods; PBH 350 Epidemiology; PAD 393 Epidemiology; PAD 636 Statistical Programming; Independent Research with a Public Health Faculty Member (prior approval by minor coordinator required)
- **Community Engagement Selective (3 credit hours)**
One course chosen from: COM 315 Health Campaigns; COM 330: Intercultural Communication in Healthcare; SOC 330 Cultures of Disabilities; PBH 345 Community Health Practice; SOC 350 Determinants of Health; PHI 350 Nature and Wellness; HUM 386: Culture, Customs and Health of Belize
- **Health Care Systems Selective (3 credit hours)**
One course chosen from: ECN 317 Health Economics; COM 320 Patient-Provider Communication; SOC 325 Medical Sociology; HIS 330 History of Public Health and Medicine; ETH 415 Health, Disease, and Authority; PSY 440 Death and Dying; PAD 451 US and Global Health Care System.

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