About the Public Health Major

The Public Health major in the Bachelor of Health Sciences prepares students for non-clinical work and graduate study in the field of Public Health. The Public Health major in the B.H.Sc. is the first of its kind to be offered at the baccalaureate level in Alberta. Successful completion of the four-year baccalaureate program earns students a Bachelor of Health Sciences (B.H.Sc.) degree.

Experiential Learning

Students may choose to complete a practicum placement, Co-operative Education Studies, or Applied Studies to gain experience in public health practice. Local, national and international placement opportunities are available, and students will have the opportunity to be mentored by those who are working or conducting research in the field of public health. An undergraduate (honours) thesis is also available, providing students with valuable research experience.

Public Health Career Paths

A career in public health can include designing and implementing programs that promote health, collecting and analyzing health data, and shaping policy at local, national or international levels. Graduates in public health often work for governments, private-sector and non-profit organizations. Career opportunities focus in areas such as: Aboriginal and Immigrant Health, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Environmental Health, Health Policy, Health Promotion, Health Services Administration, Infectious Disease Control, Global Health, Program Management and Evaluation, Wellbeing/Healthy Eating.

Admission Requirements

Students applying to the Public Health major in the Bachelor of Health Sciences program must hold a 65% high school average to be considered.

Applicants must have the following Alberta high school courses or equivalents:

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Biology 30
- Mathematics 30-1, Mathematics 30-2, or Pure Mathematics 30
- One other 30-level ‘academic’ course
- A fifth course at the 30-level (not including Special Projects)

See Part 1 - Admission, Section 3.a.1.a, p. 26 in the UofL Calendar for complete admission requirements.

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: June 1
Spring Semester: Nov. 1

An Application for Admission can be completed at ApplyAlberta.ca.

Transfer Credit

Students pursuing a Public Health major will be allowed to transfer a maximum of 20 semester course equivalents (60.0 credit hours) into the program. Courses for which transfer credit is being sought must be discussed at the time of acceptance. Students with transfer credit should consult with an Academic Advisor (health.sciences@uleth.ca) prior to the first semester to develop an individual course sequencing plan.

This is a planning guide and not a graduation check or guarantee of course offerings. You should have a program check done in your final year of studies. Students are responsible for the accuracy of their own programs. The guide should be used in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge Calendar, which is the final authority on all questions regarding program requirements and academic regulations. Contact an Academic Advisor in the Faculty of Health Sciences for advising information.
### Program Worksheet

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#### Core Courses (1-15):

1. **Public Health 1000 - Introduction to Public Health**
2. **Public Health 2000 - Population Health**
3. **Public Health 3000 - Canadian and Global Perspectives**
4. **Public Health 3420 - Public Health Ethics**
5. **Public Health 4000 - Advanced Public Health**
6. **Anthropology 1000 - The Anthropological Perspective**
7. **Geography 1200 - Introduction to Human Geography**
8. **Health Sciences 2003/Biology 2003 - Epidemiology: The Ecology of Health and Disease**
9. **Health Sciences 2400 - Medical Microbiology**
10. **Health Sciences 2600/Women and Gender Studies 2100 - Women and Health**
11. **Health Sciences 2700/Sociology 2700 - Health and Society**
12. **Health Sciences 3450/Psychology 3450 - Applied Statistics for Clinical Practice**
13. **Psychology 1000 - Basic Concepts of Psychology**
14. **Political Science 1000 - Introduction to Political Science**
15. **Sociology 1000 - Introduction to Sociology**
16. One of (3.0 credit hours):
   - Health Sciences 3260 - Research in Addictions
   - Nursing 3360 - Research Methodology
17. One of (3.0 credit hours):
   - * Biology 1010 - Cellular Basis of Life
   - ** Kinesiology 1000 - Wellness and Physical Activity
18. One of (3.0 credit hours):
   - Anthropology 3520 - Medical Anthropology
   - * Biochemistry 2300 - Elements of Human Nutrition
   - Environmental Science 2000 - Fundamentals of Environmental Science
   - Health Sciences 3127 - Loss, Grief and Bereavement
   - Health Sciences 3130 - Diversity and Counselling
   - Health Sciences 3759 - Addictions in Particular Populations
   - * Kinesiology 3630 - Growth, Development and Aging
   - Psychology 2110 - Introduction to Child Development
   - Psychology 2505 - Abnormal Psychology
   - Psychology 2800 - Social Psychology
   - * Psychology 3120 - Psychology of Aging
   - * Sociology 3340 - Medical Sociology
19. One of (3.0 credit hours):
   - Computer Science 1000 - Introduction to Computer Science
   - OR Management 2060 - Introduction to Information Technology
   - Economics 1010 - Introduction to Microeconomics
   - Economics 1012 - Introduction to Macroeconomics
   - Health Sciences 1020 - Introduction to the Counselling Interview
   - Health Sciences 3500/Management 3825 - Information in Health Care
   - Management 3061 - Information Systems and Management
   - Political Science 2511 - Introduction to Political Theory
20. One of (3.0 credit hours):
   - Writing 1000 - Introduction to Academic Writing
   - A university English course
21. Three Fine Arts/Humanities courses (9.0 credit hours)
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***At least FOUR courses in ONE of the following concentrations:***

### Applied Public Health

24-27. Four of:

- Anthropology 2010 - Theory I: Historical Foundations of Anthropological Thought
- Anthropology 2600 - Anthropology of Gender
- * Anthropology 3200 - Power and Discourse
- Anthropology 3310 - Race and Ethnicity
- * Biology 2000 - Principles of Genetics
- Geography 3230 - Urban Social Geography
- * Geography 3750 - GIS Applications in Human Geography
- Health Sciences 2806/Biology 2806 - Immunology
- Health Sciences 3002 - Health Education and Promotion
- Health Sciences 3150 - Adult Psychopathology
- Health Sciences 3500/Management 3825 - Information in Health Care
- Health Sciences 3560/History 3560 - History of Nursing: Women and the Care of the Sick
- Health Sciences 3700 - Gambling
- Health Sciences 3749 - Studies in Specific Addictive Disorders
- Health Sciences 3800 - Teaching and Learning for Health Professions
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24-27. Four of:

- Anthropology 2510 - Language, Culture, and Communication
- *Anthropology 3200 - Power and Discourse
- *Geography 3750 - GIS Applications in Human Geography
- Health Sciences 2806/Biology 2806 - Immunology
- Health Sciences 3002 - Health Education and Promotion
- Health Sciences 3150 - Adult Psychopathology
- Health Sciences 3500/Management 3825 - Information in Health Care
- Health Sciences 3570/Psychology 3570 - Contemporary Issues in Mental Health
- Health Sciences 3800 - Teaching and Learning for Health Professions
- Health Sciences3990 - Independent Study
- Health Sciences 4200 - Community Development and Outreach
- Health Sciences 4850 - Special Topics
- *Management 3250 - Social Marketing
- *Native American Studies 2230 - Family and First Nations' Community Development
- *Political Science 3260 - Canadian Public Policy
- Public Health 3850 - Special Topics
- Public Health 4850 - Special Topics
- Sociology 3120 - Qualitative Research Methods
- *Sociology 3390 - Sociology of Mass Communication
- *Women and Gender Studies 2500 - Activism and Advocacy
- *Women and Gender Studies 3060 - Science, Spaces, Environments, and Technology (Series)
- Women and Gender Studies 3700 - Advanced Research Practice

28-40. 13 courses offered by any faculty (39.0 credit hours)

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Students may choose to complete Public Health 4550 Practicum in Public Health (15.0 credit hours) or Public Health 4995 Undergraduate Thesis (6.0 credit hours). For details, please consult an Academic Advisor in the Faculty of Health Sciences.
* In planning their program, students should consider course prerequisites. Some
prerequisites may need to be taken as open electives, and some course choices should
be made considering senior course prerequisites. The list below indicates the required
prerequisites:

- Anthropology 3200 - Anthropology 2100 or Anthropology 2510 (Anthropology 1000
  or a previous course in Anthropology)
- Biochemistry 2300 - Chemistry 30 or Chemistry 0500
- Biology 1010 - Biology 30; One of Chemistry 30 or Chemistry 0500
- Biology 2000 - Biology 1010 (Biology 30; One of Chemistry 30 or Chemistry 0500);
  Biology 1020; One of Mathematics 30-1, Pure Mathematics 30, or
  Mathematics 0500
- Economics 2070/Management 2070 - Statistics 1770; Second-year standing (a
  minimum of 30.0 credit hours)
- Economics 3030 - Economics 1010
- Economics 3220 - Economics 1010
- Economics 3750 - Economics 1010
- Economics 3800 - Economics 1010
- Geography 3750 - Geography 1000; Geography 2735
- Kinesiology 3630 - Kinesiology 2200 (Second-year standing (a minimum of 30.0 credit
  hours))
- Kinesiology 4500 - any two 3000-level courses in Kinesiology
- Management 3250 - Management 2020 or Psychology 2800; Third-year standing (a
  minimum of 60.0 credit hours) in the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Public Health
  major)
- Native American Studies 2230 - Native American Studies 1000
- Native American Studies 3230/Management 3500 - Native American Studies 1000
- Native American Studies 3700 - Native American Studies 2100 (Native American
  Studies 1000) or Native American Studies 2800 (Native American
  Studies 1000)
- Political Science 3260 - Political Science 2210 (Political Science 1000 or a previous
  course in Political Science or 7 Arts and Science courses)
- Political Science 3360 - Political Science 2310 (Political Science 1000 or a previous
  course in Political Science or 7 Arts and Science courses)
- Political Science 3400 - Political Science 2210 (Political Science 1000 or a previous
  course in Political Science or 7 Arts and Science courses)
- Psychology 3120 - any two 2000-level courses in Psychology or Neuroscience
- Sociology 3340 - one 2000-level course in Sociology
- Sociology 3390 - one 2000-level course in Sociology
- Sociology 3460 - Sociology 2210 (Sociology 2200) or Sociology 2410
- Women and Gender Studies 2600 - Women and Gender Studies 1000
- Women and Gender Studies 3010 - one previous course in Women and Gender
  Studies; Third-year standing (a minimum of 60.0 credit hours)
- Women and Gender Studies 3020 - one previous course in Women and Gender
  Studies; Third-year standing (a minimum of 60.0 credit hours)
- Women and Gender Studies 3060 - one previous course in Women and Gender
  Studies; Third-year standing (a minimum of 60.0 credit hours)

** Students who complete Kinesiology 1000 must complete a Science GLER course in
place of one of the 13 courses offered by any faculty.

*** Decisions regarding the Concentration (Applied Public Health, Health Policy and
Promotion, or Public Health Administration) and route (Thesis or Practicum) will be
made by the end of March of the second year.

Note: Please see an advisor in Health Sciences early in your program for program
planning.

Reminder: Any given course may be used to satisfy one major requirement
or concentration requirement only.

Other Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum of 40 courses (120.0 credit hours).
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.
- GPA of at least 2.50 on all Public Health courses.
- Not more than ten 1000-level courses.
- General Liberal Education Requirement. (Please refer to the 2013/2014
  Calendar, p. 90, for further details.)
- Maximum of three Independent Studies (9.0 credit hours).
- Residence requirement: 20 courses, including a minimum of five in
  Public Health.
- All degree requirements must be completed within seven years of
  completion of the first Public Health course used for
  credit toward the degree.

Sample Sequencing Plan

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