

Public Health Major (50-53 hours)

The Anderson University Public Health program is an intentional response to address the growing need for public health practitioners who are highly competent, innovative, and compassionate, and committed to excellence in the work of promoting health, improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable and underserved populations globally.

The **mission** of the public health program is:

To prepare students who will become the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the work of preventing disease, promoting health and wellness, and facilitating experiences of hope in vulnerable and underserved populations globally.

The **vision** of the public health program is:

We envision teams of faithful, compassionate, innovative, and competent ambassadors for Christ engaged in the work of bringing hope and healing to vulnerable and underserved people and communities globally.

While the public health program's mission, purpose, and vision provide the foundation upon which the curriculum is developed, the following nine (9) core values guide the program's academic strategies.

(1.) An intellectually informed faith, (2.) imagination and creativity, (3.) servant leadership, (4.) excellence, (5.) integrity and character, (6.) integrative learning, (7.) Christian worldview, (8.) transformative action, and (9.) stewardship of gifts.

This interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary design of the public health curriculum exposes students to faculty members and students from various academic disciplines, as a result, it facilitates the development of proficiency in understanding the complex nature of public health issues and challenges, and how to address them and engage in transformative actions.

The public health program offers two (2) academic tracks, and is grounded in a background of Humanities, Social Science, and the Liberal Arts. The first track is the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health (BAPH) with a concentration in the Sociological and Behavioral Context of Health. This track appeals to students seeking to focus on the socio-behavioral, socio-economic, and health systems contexts that impact public health. The second track is the Bachelor of Science (BSPH). This track is designed for students who desire to engage in public health practice through research, epidemiology, or environmental services. Graduates from the program will be prepared for jobs such as data analysts, biostatisticians, environmental/sanitary specialists, epidemiologists, faith-based missions specialists, health promotion and education specialists, and research.

For entry and continuance in the public health program, all students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. To advance, a minimum grade of C or better must be earned in each public health course, as well as the courses upon which they build in each concentration (BA: SOCI 2020, SOCI 2100; BS: BIOL 2410, 2420, 2230).

Major Requirements:

36 credit hours from:

- PSYC 2000, General Psychology, 3 credit hours
- PUBH/BIOL 2040 – Personal & Community Health, 3 credit hours
- MATH 2120 – Introductory Statistics with Applications, 4 credit hours
- PUBH 2010 - Introduction Public Health, 3 credit hours
- PUBH 3020 – Introduction to Epidemiology, 3 credit hours
- PUBH 3030 - Global Health, 3 credit hours
- PUBH/SOCI 3010/PSYC 3010 – Social Psychology, 4 credit hours (WI)
- PUBH 3260 - Sociology of Health and Illness, 3 credit hours
- PUBH/SOCI 3700 – Introduction to Social Research, 4 credit hours
- PUBH/SOCI/SOWK 4350 – Program Planning and Grant Writing, 3 credit hours
- PUBH 4360 – Health Policy, 3 credit hours

B.A. - 9 credit hours from:

- SOCI 2020, Social Problems, 3 credit hours
- SOCI 2100, Family in Global and Diverse Context, 3 credit hours
- PUBH 3260, Sociology of Health and Illness, 3 credit hours

OR

B.S. - 12 credit hours from:

- BIOL 2410, Anatomy and Physiology I, 4 credit hours
- BIOL 2420, Anatomy and Physiology II, 4 credit hours
- BIOL 2230, Microbes & Disease, 4 credit hours

Selected Electives (2 hours)

- BIOL 2010, Medical Terminology, 2 credit hours
- BSNS 4400, Social Media, 3 credit hours
- PUBH/BIOL 3510, Bioethics, 2 credit hours
- CHEM 1000, Introduction to Chemistry, 4 credit hours
- COMM 3370 (fall) or BSNS 4400 (semII)
- ECON 2010, Principles of Macroeconomics, 3 credit hours
- ECON 2020, Principles of Microeconomics, 3 credit hours
- ECON 3110, Public Sector Economics, 3 credit hours (Prerequisites: ECON 2010, 2020)
- NURS 1210, Nutrition for Healthy Living, 2 credit hours
- POSC 2200, Public Policy, 3 credit hours
- PSYC 2100, Interpersonal Relationships, 4 credit hours
- PSYC 3450, Health Psychology, 4 credit hours
- SOCI 3100, Human Sexuality, 3 credit hours
- SOCI 3400, Race and Ethnicity in America, 3 credit hours
- SPAN 3101, Spanish for Health Care, 4 credit hours

Integrated Senior Capstone (3 hrs):

- PUBH/SOCI 4810 -Community Health Internship

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Proposed course sequence:

Freshman: PUBH 2040, SOCI 2100, PSYC 2000, PUBH 2010
 Sophomore: MATH 2120, PUBH 3010, PUBH 3030, SOCI 3100, COMM 3370
 Junior: PUBH 3510, 3700, 3020, 3260, POSC 2200
 Senior: PUBH 4350, 4810, 4360, PSYC 3450

Public Health B.A. Track Major Suggested Course Sequence

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
PUBH 2040	3 hours	SOCI 2100	3 hours
ENGL 1100/ENGL 1110	3-4 hours	PSYC 2000	3 hours
Foreign Language (Spanish Suggested)	4 hours	PUBH 2010	3 hours
COMM 1000	3 hours	ENGL 1120	3 hours
LART 1050	1 hour	NURS 1210 (Personal Wellness)	2 hours
		Elective	3 hours

SEMESTER 3		SEMESTER 4	
MATH 2120	4 hours	PUBH/PSYC 3010	4 hours
PUBH 3030	3 hours	SOCI 3100	3 hours
Civic Way of Knowing	3 hours	COMM 3370	3 hours
Aesthetic Ways of Knowing	3 hours	SOCI 4250	3 hours
		BIBL 2000	3 hours

SEMESTER 5		SEMESTER 6	
PUBH 3700	4 hours	PUBH 3020	3 hours
PUBH 3510 (Elective)	2 hours	PUBH 3260 (Elective)	3 hours
PUBH Selected Elective	2-4 hours	POSC 2200	3 hours
Scientific Ways of Knowing (PSYC 3210 or CHEM 1000 Suggested)	4 hours	Christian Ways of Knowing	3 hours

Summer Term

- PUBH/SOCI 4810 - Community Health Internship, 3 hrs

SEMESTER 7		SEMESTER 8	
PUBH 4350	3 hours	PUBH 4360	3 hours
PSYC 3450	4 hours	ECON 2020	3 hours
LART 4500 or PSYC/SOCI 3500	3 hours	PSYC 3220	3 hours
Elective	3 hours	Elective	3 hours

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112-115 total hours (120 needed)

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 Sophomore: MATH 2120, BIOL 2410, BIOL 2420, PUBH 3010, PUBH 3030
 Junior: PUBH 3510, 3700, 3020, 3260, BIOL 2230, POSC 2200
 Senior: PUBH 4350, 4360, PSYC 3450

Public Health B.S. Track Major Suggested Course Sequence

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
PUBH 2040	3 Hours	PUBH 2010	3 Hours
ENGL 1100/ENGL 1110	3-4 Hours	SOCI 2100	3 Hours
Foreign Language (Spanish Suggested)	4 Hours	PSYC 2000	3 Hours
COMM 1000	3 Hours	ENGL 1120	3 Hours
LART 1050	1 Hour	NURS 1210 (Personal Wellness)	2 Hours
		Elective	3 Hours

SEMESTER 3		SEMESTER 4	
PUBH 3030	3 Hours	BIOL 2420	4 hours
MATH 2120	4 hours	PUBH 3010	4 hours
BIOL 2410	4 hours	Global/Intercultural Ways of Knowing	3 hours
Civic Ways of Knowing	3 hours	BIBL 2000	3 hours

SEMESTER 5		SEMESTER 6	
PUBH 3700	4 hours	PUBH 3020	3 hours
BIOL 2230	4 hours	PUBH 3260	3 hours
PUBH 3510	2 hours	POSC 2200	3 hours
Aesthetic Ways of Knowing	3 hours	Christian Ways of Knowing	3 hours

Summer Term

- PUBH/SOCI 4810 - Community Health Internship, 3 hrs

SEMESTER 7		SEMESTER 8	
PUBH 4350	3 hours	PUBH 4360	3 hours
PSYC 3450	3 hours	ECON 2020	3 hours
Elective	3 hours	PSYC 3220	3 hours
LART 4500 or PSCY/SOCI 3500	3 hours	Elective	3 hours

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