

Online Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Kent State University's [online Bachelor of Science in Public Health \(BSPH\)](#) program is designed with working professionals in mind: people aiming to move into positions of healthcare leadership by honing their expertise and reinforcing their field experience with online academic study. By broadening knowledge and challenging understanding of how public health functions across different sectors, the online BSPH can improve graduates' earning potential and expand their influence in a broad spectrum of public health careers.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **100% online program** designed with full-time working professionals in mind
- Accredited by the **Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)** and the **Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)**
- Led by an expert **faculty** renowned for their cutting-edge public health research
- Provides in-depth study through a robust, competency-based curriculum
- Offers the opportunity for study abroad

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Be in your senior year of high school OR hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent degree
- Apply for admission using the Kent State Application or the Common Application
- Submit a \$50 application fee
- Complete the full college preparatory curriculum as recommended by the Ohio State Board of Education

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

THREE CONCENTRATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Allied Health, Health Services Administration, and Clinical Trials Research

120 CREDITS IN TOTAL, COMPRISED OF:

University Requirements

- **Destination Kent State: First Year Experience**
Satisfactory completion is required of all undergraduates except those who are 21 years of age at the time of application or who have 25 or more credit hours, excluding post-secondary and dual enrollment programs.
- 36 credit hours from the **Kent Core (General Education Requirements)**
This is the foundation of the university's mission to prepare students to live in today's complex, global society.
- **Diversity Course Requirement**
All students must satisfy this requirement, which consists of one course addressing domestic (U.S.) issues and one course addressing global issues.
- **Experiential Learning Requirement**
This provides students with the opportunity to initiate lifelong learning through the development and application of academic knowledge and skills in new or different settings.
- **Writing-Intensive Course Requirement**
This assists undergraduates in becoming effective writers within their major discipline.

Program Requirements

- Required courses for the Public Health major
- Required and elective courses within each concentration

TIME TO COMPLETION:

- In most cases, full-time students holding an associate degree graduate in two years or less
- Full-time students with a high school diploma or GED graduate in four years

THREE ANNUAL START DATES: Fall, Spring, and Summer

THE CURRICULUM

Courses for the Public Health Major

Build expertise on the strongest foundation. The curriculum includes the study of public health, global health, epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health and safety, public health policy and decision-making, and more, including a culminating capstone experience.

Courses for the Allied Health Concentration

Choices in the Allied Health curriculum include courses in human genetics, the United States healthcare system, public health ethics, psychology, medical terminology, human nutrition, quantitative reasoning, health informatics, and a full suite of math and science options.

Courses for the Health Services Administration Concentration

From required courses such as Principles of Public Health Leadership to electives including Zombie Outbreak, the HSA concentration explores issues of ethics, law, finance, leadership, mass incarceration, and emergency public health management, among others.

Courses for the Clinical Trials Research Concentration

With a solid footing in epidemiology, clinical trials management, scientific writing for clinical research, regulatory affairs, and pharmacoepidemiology, students can fill out the curriculum with courses in chemistry, algebra, anatomy and physiology, and biological diversity.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

All three concentrations instill a thorough understanding of:

- The history and philosophy of public health
- Public health's core values, concepts, and functions across the globe and in society
- The basic concepts, methods, and tools of public health data collection, use, and analysis
- Why evidence-based approaches are an essential part of public health practice
- The concepts of population health and the basic processes, approaches and interventions that identify and address the major health-related needs and concerns of populations
- The underlying science of human health and disease, including opportunities for promoting and protecting health across the life course
- The socioeconomic, behavioral, biological, environmental, and other factors that affect human health and contribute to health disparities
- The fundamental concepts and features of project implementation, including planning, assessment, and evaluation
- The fundamental characteristics and organizational structures of the U.S. health system and the differences between systems in other countries
- The basic concepts of legal, ethical, economic, and regulatory dimensions of healthcare and public health policy; the roles, influences and responsibilities of the different agencies and branches of government
- The basic concepts of public health-specific communication, including technical and professional writing and the use of mass media and electronic technology