

# ONLINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LGBTQ+ PUBLIC HEALTH

Kent State University's [online Graduate Certificate in LGBTQ+ Public Health program](#) is designed for working professionals who want to improve public health and health outcomes for members of LGBTQ+ communities.

If you seek to provide direct services, engage in policy analysis and reform, or more effectively manage or direct organizations and agencies that serve the LGBTQ+ population, this certificate is an ideal credential to add to your bachelor's or more advanced degree.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Affordable, **100% online program** designed for full-time working professionals
- The first graduate certificate program in LGBTQ+ Public Health in Ohio
- **Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)**
- Learn from expert [faculty](#) renowned for their cutting-edge public health research
- Engage with a robust curriculum featuring [award-winning courses](#)

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 13 credits total
- 5 [courses](#)
- 4 focused 7-week courses, 3 credits per course
- A 1-credit, full-semester integrative experience
- Designed in collaboration with faculty
- Graduate in as few as 2 semesters
- 3 annual start dates: Fall, Spring, Summer

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Completed [online application form](#)
- Goal statement
- Resume/CV

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students must provide proof of English language proficiency with an acceptable score on one of the following tests.

Test	Minimum score
TOEFL PBT (paper-based test)	550
TOEFL IBT (internet-based test)	79
MELAB	77
IELTS	6.5
PTE	58

There are a limited number of specific exceptions to this requirement. [Contact an admissions outreach advisor](#) for more information.

## THE CURRICULUM

### **7-Week Courses (3 credits per course for a total of 12 credits):**

- 7-Week Courses (12 Credits):
- SBS 54600 Emerging Issues in LGBTQ+ Public Health Practice
- HPM 53010 Community Health Needs Assessment
- SBS 54630 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in Public Health Practice
- SBS 54634 Social Determinants of Health Behaviors

### **Full-Semester Course (1 Credit):**

- PH 61199 Integrative Learning Experience

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Whether you work in healthcare, social services or public health, the skills and knowledge you will gain from KSU's online Graduate Certificate in LGBTQ+ Public Health program can help you make a positive impact and position you for career growth. Your coursework will help you develop:

- The cultural competence to effectively engage and interact with diverse, multi-dimensional populations to develop programs and deliver LGBTQ+ health interventions
- Awareness of gaps in contemporary strategies for improving state, county and city government health and welfare services for LGBTQ+ people through understanding how sexual orientation and gender identity intersect with public health issues
- A deep understanding of public health's unique role in LGBTQ+ health gained from examining multilevel contributors to health disparities and learning evidence-based approaches to advancing health in LGBTQ+ communities

## APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN MANY SETTINGS

Your Graduate Certificate in LGBTQ+ Public Health is an investment in your professional growth and in shaping a healthier, more inclusive future. Leading organizations in these areas will welcome your expertise.

- Research institutions
- Healthcare providers and insurers
- Schools and higher education institutions
- Non-profit organizations
- Government agencies
- Global health organizations