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.

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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