

Community Health Assessment Undergraduate Certificate

Extend your understanding of the physical, social, and intellectual factors that influence health behaviors, and earn a certificate in Community Health Assessment. This **18-credit program** will aid workers in social services and public and community health.

This interdisciplinary program is designed to educate health service workers in the areas of sociology, communications, public administration, and management. Students who successfully complete their certificates may apply the credits to an undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh's College of General Studies.

Who should participate:

- Social work and social services employees who wish to extend the breadth of their knowledge in health assessment
- Professionals who wish to broaden their employment options by earning a specialized certificate
- Public and Community Health workers who seek an understanding of the physical, social, and cultural factors influencing health behaviors

Upon completion of this certificate, participants will be able to:

- Communicate and interact effectively with people from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds
- Understand how social, cultural, legal, and environmental factors may impact both patients and health care workers
- Identify behaviors that tend to promote or compromise health
- Know how to apply administrative skills to nonprofits; and
- Identify, recognize, and gather data that is pertinent to the health services field

This certificate is applicable to such fields as:

health support coordinator, health outreach representative, or health services administrator, and more. See an academic consultant for more details.

Admission requirements

Students must meet requirements for admission to the College of General Studies. For admissions guidelines and application, see www.pitt.edu/~cgs/apply.htm. A certificate application form must be completed and returned to a Learning Solutions academic consultant.

Fees and tuition

Tuition rates listed here are for the academic year 2003-2004. Rates will change for the 2004-2005 academic year in July 2004. The tuition rate for full-time students (those enrolled for 12 to 18 credits) is \$4,307 per semester. For part-time students (those enrolled for 11 or fewer credits) is \$296 per credit for Pennsylvania residents. University fees (per term) are typically \$158 for part-time students and \$330 for full-time students.

Payment plans

- Discover, MasterCard and VISA are accepted for tuition payment.
- If employed, check with your company's human resources office to see if you qualify for company tuition benefits.
- Deferred tuition payment plans are available for participants who wish to extend tuition payments over a longer period of time.

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Obtaining the Certificate

To receive the certificate you must fill out an application with your academic advisor prior to completing your last term in the program. Check with an academic consultant for the application filing form and deadline, and be sure all requirements for the certificate have been met. To avoid a late fee, you should complete this process when registering for the term.

Health Services Programs

The field of health services is one of the largest growth industries in the country. Nine out of 20 occupations projected to grow the fastest are concentrated in health services.

Approximately 13 percent of salaried jobs created between 2000 and 2010 will be in health services, and most of these jobs will be available to those who have not yet completed a college degree, but who have specific education and training in key healthcare disciplines.

Additional programs offered in this field include:

- Certificate in Managing Health Services Programs and Projects
- Bachelor of Arts in Health Services

Curriculum (18 credits)

Required courses

All courses are three credits

Issues in Cross-Cultural Healthcare

NUR 0155

Introduction to Epidemiology

HRS 1017

Special Topics: Health Communications

COMMRC 1730

Risk Factors and Health

NUR*

Health, Law, and Ethics

PUBSRV 1305

Medical Sociology

SOC 0477

or

Practices of Nonprofit Management

PUBSRV 1200 (PA 1165)

*Course number to be announced.

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