



POST MASTER’S CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH (PMCPH)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Post Master’s Certificate in Public Health will provide students with the academic knowledge, skills, and expertise to work as a Public Health Nurse. Graduates will be able to integrate health promotion and prevention to analyze, understand, and collaborate with community health partners to address population health issues. This program consists of specialty concentration courses and clinical courses. This program is for licensed registered nurses (current, unrestricted license) with a Master of Science in Nursing degree interested in advancing their careers to become a Public Health Nurse.

Prior to enrollment, individuals considering a Post Master’s Certificate program should check with their applicable state board of nursing before enrolling in any graduate nursing program for any specific state requirements.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Develop health promotion and prevention strategies.
2. Describe the impact of cultural humility on client care in a public health role.
3. Analyze the impact of policy on the planning and delivery of care.
4. Coordinate population-based care in a public health role.
5. Integrate epidemiology into population-based practice.
6. Implement the role of the public health nurse in a variety of settings.

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the “Special Nursing Program Requirements for Admission” policy in the Admissions Information section of this catalog for nursing program admission requirements. Students enrolling in the PMCPH program must complete NU 610, NU 621, and NU 636 prior to acceptance. In most instances, these courses would be included in a Master of Science in Nursing program.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 16.00 semester credit hours, in addition to 9 semester credit hours that may be transferred in (NU610, NU621, and NU636), are required for completion of the certificate.

REQUIRED COURSES

16.00 semester credit hours are required NU 610, NU 621, and NU 636 will be required if not completed successfully with the prior Master of Science in Nursing degree.)

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NU 525	Technology and Nursing Informatics in Advanced Practice		
Or	Or	None	3.00
NU 530	Organizational Systems and Behaviors		
NU 655	Foundations of Public Health Nursing	NU 500, NU 560	3.00
NU 656	Public Health Nursing Advocacy and Policy	None/NU 655	3.00
NU 657	Public Health Promotion and Education Clinical	None/NU 656	3.00
NU 658	Professional Practice in Public Health Nursing Clinical	NU 657	3.00
PD 600	Applied Scholarship	None	1.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course				
Course Number	Lecture Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Contact Hours	Credits
NU 525 or NU 530	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 655	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 656	45.00		45.00	3.00
NU 657	30.00	45.00	75.00	3.00
NU 658	15.00	90.00	105.00	3.00
PD 600	15.00		15.00	1.00
Totals	195.00	135.00	330.00	16.00

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEW COURSES

NU 655 Foundations of Public Health Nursing

This course introduces students to public health nursing roles and responsibilities. Students will explore historical influences in public health nursing practice and analyze public health impacts in a variety of settings. Students will review epidemiological methods of data analysis in conjunction with health promotion frameworks to develop health promotion activities. Students will explore population health promotion frameworks and identify strategies to develop a health promotion project proposal for a select population.

NU 656 Public Health Nursing Advocacy and Policy

This course introduces students to the unique advocacy role in public health nursing practice. Students will explore policy and regulatory activities that impact populations and identify strategies to include stakeholder preferences in health promotion planning. Students will identify the impact of policies on disparate health outcomes and evaluate interventions to improve population-based outcomes. Students will develop communication strategies to enforce public health regulatory activities that contribute to the health and safety of a select population.

NU 657 Public Health Promotion and Education Clinical

This course focuses on health disparities in various populations and regions, including globally. Students will explore environmental influences that impact populations and identify public health activities that mitigate population health risks. Students will explore community engagement strategies and demonstrate ethical public health nursing practice with a population of interest. Students will focus on demonstrating competency in public health nursing standards while designing a health promotion project. In addition, contemporary topics focused on the impact of environmental and global justice will be explored.

NU 658 Professional Practice in Public Health Nursing Clinical

This course focuses on integrating concepts learned in previous courses and applying them through a clinical experience working directly with a population of interest. Students will collaborate with diverse stakeholders to develop and present a health promotion project plan that reflects stakeholder needs. Students will evaluate the efficacy of the project plan and revise based upon stakeholder input. Students will complete a professional practice appraisal and identify strategies to achieve career goals in alignment with public health nursing practice standards.