

LGBTQ+ PUBLIC HEALTH - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Public Health
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About This Program

The LGBTQ+ Public Health graduate certificate provides the foundational topics and complex issues that contribute to public health and individual health inequities affecting sexual and gender minorities through community- and systems-level strategies that promote health and healthy behaviors.

The certificate can be taken as a stand-alone program or within the Master of Public Health degree

Contact Information

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Fully online

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement (*no longer required starting with spring 2025 admission term*)
- Résumé (*no longer required starting with spring 2025 admission term*)
- English Language Proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT
 - Minimum 77 MELAB score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 Duolingo English score

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Rolling admissions (domestic student)
- **Spring Semester**
 - Rolling admissions (domestic student)

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
HPM 53010	COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT	3
SBS 54634	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH BEHAVIORS	3
SBS 64600	EMERGING ISSUES IN LGBTQ+ PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE	3
SBS 64630	SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE	3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
3.000	3.000

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Comprehend unique considerations, definitions, nomenclature and common language necessary to engage and competently interact with populations in the delivery of LGBTQ+ health interventions and program development.
2. Examine barriers to healthcare access, commonly observed multilevel health disparities and evidence-based approaches to advancing health among the LGBTQ+ community.
3. Identify gaps in contemporary strategies for improving state, county and city government health and welfare services for LGBTQ+ people.