

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The University of Kentucky's Bachelor of Public Health (BPH) is for the student interested in positively impacting the health of people and communities.

Public health focuses on communities of people with an integrated approach of identifying behaviors that affect health; preventing disease and premature death; promoting healthcare equity, quality, and accessibility; and transforming public health systems.

The BPH curriculum offers flexible course options for students who want to start a career immediately upon graduation or prepare for further education.

26.7%

UNDERREPRESENTED
MINORITY STUDENTS

34.2%

FIRST GENERATION
STUDENTS

16%

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STUDENTS

APPLY NOW!

Apply to the BPH at admission.uky.edu/apply. Choose Pre-Public Health as your major.



LEARN MORE

Learn more about the BPH program requirements at cph.uky.edu/programs/bph.



CAREER PATHS

You want a career where you can help people. You want to create a better world. The Bachelor of Public Health (BPH) gives students a unique knowledge base, allowing them to apply for many entry-level jobs in government, non-profit organizations, health organizations and more. The BPH is a great fit for students interested in careers as:

- Community Health Worker
- Epidemiologist
- Environmental Health Coordinator
- Global Health Specialist
- Health Administrator
- Health Education Specialists
- Public Health Program Coordinator
- Public Health Research Assistant

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Complete the Bachelor of Public Health and Master of Public Health in five, rather than six years. Accelerate your career with this competitive program.

FURTHER EDUCATION

The BPH provides an outstanding foundation for students interested in continuing their education beyond their undergraduate degree. The BPH is a great fit for students considering the following graduate programs:

- Public Health
- Health Administration
- Health Services Research
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Law



WHAT YOU'LL

Study!

In the Bachelor of Public Health, students take courses in seven core areas of study to broaden their understanding of public health's structure and impact. Additionally, beyond the introductory course in each of the core areas, students choose 18 credit hours of public health electives to tailor the degree to their specific areas of interest.

CORE AREAS OF STUDY

- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Gerontology
- Global Health
- Health Analytics
- Health Behaviors
- Health Systems

SCAN BELOW
for course
requirements!



Public Health

CAREERS FOR A HEALTHY WORLD

Throughout the BPH curriculum, students are introduced to a wide variety of careers and professional settings where people with public health training work. Our faculty incorporate:

- Guest lectures and discussions with professionals in the field
- Field trips to workplaces and professional conferences
- Experiential learning activities such as shadowing and internships

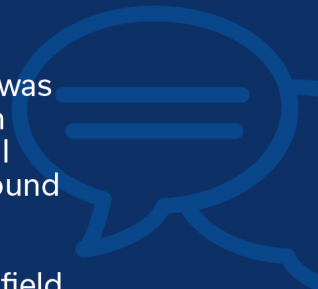
Students get a chance to hear and learn from people in public health-related careers:

STUDENT QUOTES

"Learning the different types of careers in this field helped me to further understand my major outside of the career I want for myself."

"We had people from different career backgrounds, which was very important to students; not everyone in this career path knows what careers or job opportunities are available now. I think this helps open doors to students who have not yet found themselves."

"[Attending panels with people who work in] public health field was really helpful for me. It was also very interesting."



The College of Public Health's undergraduate research program exposes all students to public health concepts through providing multiple opportunities for research participation.

- **Pre-BPH students**, including all incoming first year students, learn introductory public health research concepts throughout the required introductory coursework.
- **BPH students** with 60+ credit hours have the opportunity to conduct original research on meaningful public health issues.
- **All public health undergraduate students** have the opportunity to attend research focused events throughout the academic year including the annual Public Health Showcase, where students are given an opportunity to share their projects with the CPH community.
- **BPH alumni** who engaged in research while pursuing their degree often report that the experience helped shape their career and improved their preparation for graduate school.

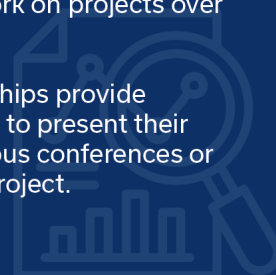
MENTORED RESEARCH

Each semester, BPH students with 60+ credit hours can apply for enrollment in the CPH 395 course, Independent Studies in Public Health. Applications are available each term, and BPH students may enroll for up to 6-credit hours in the program.

FUNDING

BPH students in the College of Public Health have several opportunities for research funding each year.

- BPH Semester Research Fellowships fund students to work on a project outside of CPH 395.
- BPH Summer Research Fellowships allow students to work on projects over the summer.
- BPH Travel Fellowships provide funding for students to present their research at off-campus conferences or travel to work on a project.



The University Scholars Program (USP) provides an opportunity for high-achieving BPH students to begin coursework for the Master of Public Health degree during their final year of undergraduate study.

Students interested in the program should talk with their BPH Academic Advisor early to plan for potential participation. Applications are due the spring semester prior to fall enrollment in the USP. Minimum application criteria include:

- Bachelor of Public Health program admission
- A minimum of 90 credit hours completed at time of program enrollment
- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above
- Major specific GPA of 3.5 or above
- 12 hours of free-elective credits available in final year of study

Students admitted to the USP will complete 12 hours of graduate coursework during their final undergraduate year. Tuition for graduate courses completed during that first year in the program will be billed at the undergraduate tuition rate. Tuition for courses taken in the final year of study, after BPH graduation, will be billed at the graduate tuition rate.



WHY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SCHOLARS?

Public Health nurses play key roles in preventing disease while promoting public safety and well-being. They promote better health and safety in communities to help prepare them for and recover from public health incidents, such as natural disasters and disease outbreaks.

Through the Public Health Nursing Scholars (PHNS) program, students will earn two degrees – Bachelor of Public Health (BPH) and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) – in 4.5 years. Students focus on their public health coursework for the first six semesters in the program and on the BSN program in the final three semesters (including 12 credit hours in the summer between year 4 and 5). Students will pay undergraduate tuition throughout the time in both programs.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Admission to the PHNS program is competitive – there are currently twenty spaces each academic year. Students apply for this program via the UK application with the following factors taken into consideration:

High School GPA (3.0 or above is required)
Supplemental application questions

Students admitted to the program who remain in good standing and complete all required coursework as outlined will have guaranteed admission to the BSN program as long as they meet all academic and legal program requirements.

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SUPPORT YOUR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH!

The Catalyst Alumni Mentorship Program pairs experienced Alumni mentors with Bachelor of Public Health students for a full academic year of personalized, one-on-one mentorship aimed at career readiness.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

One-on-One Mentorship Tailored guidance from an Alumni mentor.

Personalized Matches Mentors matched to your career interests.

Career Development A full academic year of career readiness support and growth.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARD YOUR FUTURE!

BPH students can apply in the spring for the following academic year.