

Public Health Program

School of Health Sciences

College of Health and Human Services

What is Public Health?

Public health is a discipline that blends various strategies, such as education, outreach, communication, policy change, health engineering and community mobilization, to improve the health outcomes of groups of people.

About Our Program

At SU, it's a straight track to your career. Our program is aligned with the Eight Areas of Responsibility of a Health Education Specialist, developed by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing. The program is accredited through the Council on Education for Public Health. Upon completion of the program, you are eligible and prepared to become a certified health education specialist.

We also prioritize experiential learning, and opportunities for hands-on experience abound. Students in our program complete a semester-long internship where they apply course material to a practical experience in a variety of settings, including hospitals, nonprofit organizations, corporations, government departments and global experiences.

Job Outlook

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "overall employment is projected to grow 16% from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations."

"... in public health, you can impact more than one person at a time. The whole society is your patient."

– Tom Frieden



Public Health Program students and faculty accepting a national award of excellence at the Society for Public Health (SOPHE) conference in Salt Lake City, UT

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Community Health Educator
- Worksite Health Promotion Specialist
- Planner and Administrator of Public Health Programs
- Public Health/Policy Analyst
- Epidemiologist
- Health Information Specialist
- Patient Education Coordinator
- Doula (prenatal/post-partum)
- Lactation Consultant
- Childbirth Educator
- Public Health Research Consultant
- Program Evaluator
- Health Communications Expert
- Health Literacy Liaison

GRADUATE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

- Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.)
- Health Education (M.S., M.A.)
- Medical/Dental School (M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D.)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Psychology (M.S., M.A.)
- Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Public Relations (M.S., M.A.)
- Medical Sociology (M.S.)

FACULTY

Director

- Brandye Nobiling, Ph.D., CHES®, CSE
Professor of Public Health
Southern Illinois University

Associate Professors

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Howard University
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Clinical Associate Professor

- Ashley Petrolino, M.P.H., RRT, AE-C
Benedictine University

"Service learning is an important part of teaching. The more that we can engage our students and provide them with experiences where they interact with their client or patient populations, the more impactful those lessons will be."

– Dr. Deneen Long-White



Public Health in action

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