

# WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

## MINOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

**P**ublic health as a field of study is highly varied and encompasses many academic disciplines – therefore careers in public health have something to offer to everyone. The Association of Schools of Public Health says that “public health improves the shared conditions and behaviors that affect the health of each and every one of us.” The combined efforts of public health professionals make our world a safer place in which individuals live, work, and thrive.

### Why Minor in Public Health?

The minor in Public Health is a good choice for students who:

- Want broad exposure to an exciting and growing field of study relevant to a wide array of work settings and careers.
- Want to explore population-based health issues related to of their major area of study.
- Are considering graduate studies in a health-related or human services-related field.

### Minor in Public Health

#### Core Courses: 9 Credits

(all of the following courses)

	CR	UCC
PBHL 3000 Introduction to Public Health	3	-
PBHL 3400 Environmental Health	3	-
PBHL 4000 Epidemiology	3	-

#### Elective Courses: 9 Credits

(select three of the following courses)

	CR	UCC
PBHL 2550 Health Care and Health Policy	3	Area 5
PBHL 2700 Concepts and Issues of Aging	3	-
PBHL 2950 Disparities in Health	3	Area 4
PBHL 3020 Health Care in the US	3	-
PBHL 3110 Global Health Issues	3	Area 6
PBHL 3140 Reproductive Rights	3	Area 5
PBHL 3150 Food and Community	3	Area 5
PBHL 3220 Food and Social Issues	3	-
PBHL 4950 Cultural Dimensions of Health	3	WI

### Program Overview

The minor in Public Health introduces students to the core content and functions of the field of Public Health. Students may select from a variety of elective courses to build a program that enhances the student’s major area of study and matches the student’s personal interests in the health field.

Students selecting the minor in Public Health may choose courses that fulfill University Core Curriculum (UCC) requirements in the following areas:

- Diversity and Social Justice (Area 4)
- Community and Civic Engagement (Area 5)
- Global Awareness (Area 6)

As Public Health is multidisciplinary by nature, the minor in Public Health is well-suited for students from a wide variety of majors.

### More Information

**Admissions requirements:** To be admitted to the minor in Public Health, students must take and pass with the grade of C or better PBHL 3000: Introduction to Public Health.

**How to declare the minor:** To declare the minor in Public Health, students must make a request using WPCONNECT → Students tab → Academic Services → Request to Add / Declare or Change Minor.

**Additional questions:** If you have questions about the Public Health minor, please contact the Department of Public Health at 973-720-2394.