

Certificate in Public Health and Gender

The Certificate in Public Health and Gender is a collaborative undergraduate certificate between the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Women and Gender Studies (WGST). Both departments present the opportunity for interdisciplinary approaches and a shared mission of understanding the links between gender and health. This certificate is a great opportunity for students interested in the intersections of Public Health and Women and Gender Studies. Students pursuing the certificate in Public Health and Gender are interested in:

- Generating public policies to improve and sustain health for all genders, especially those who face inequity and injustice.
- Breaking down systems of inequality and health disparities due to gender and other intersecting identities.
- Promoting health and addressing health disparities due to gender and other intersecting identities.
- Transforming society through activism and interdisciplinary approaches.

The curriculum addresses global issues, cultural influences, and other factors that influence individual and community health actions and decisions. Students will learn how race, class, gender, sexuality, and geopolitics affect public health through the lens of historical context, feminist theory, and public health best practices. By combining the strengths of DPH and WGST, students will develop a network of peers in both fields and diversify their education through interdisciplinary approaches and coursework.

Requirements

The certificate consists of at least four courses for a total of 12 credit hours. Students must complete the two courses listed in section A (6 credit hours), at least one course listed in section B (3 credit hours), and at least one course listed in section C (3 credit hours). Students must earn at least a C (2.0) in all coursework.

Section A (Required Courses)		6
P_HLTH 2200	Introduction to Public Health and Health Promotion	3
WGST 2010	Understanding Intersectionality	3
or WGST 2020	Feminist Theory	
Section B (Public Health): Choose 3 credits		3
P_HLTH 2050	Gender and Public Health <small>can only be taken once to count</small>	3
or WGST 2050	Gender and Public Health	
P_HLTH 3310	Social and Behavioral Health Theory and Practice	3
P_HLTH 3400	Global Public Health and Health Care Systems	3
or HLTH_SCI 3400	Global Health Care Systems	
P_HLTH 3965	Strategies for Effective Peer Education in Public Health <small>can only be taken once to count</small>	1
P_HLTH 4960	Qualitative Approaches to Understanding Public Health Problems	3
Section C (WGST): Choose 3 credits		3
WGST 2050	Gender and Public Health <small>can only be taken once to count</small>	3

or P_HLTH 2050	Gender and Public Health	
WGST 2960	Sexual Health Education and Advocacy	3
WGST 3300	Queer Theories/Identities	3
WGST 3960	Strategies for Effective Peer Education <small>can only be taken once to count</small>	1
or P_HLTH 3965	Strategies for Effective Peer Education in Public Health	
WGST 4230	Women, Development, and Globalization	3
WGST 4400	Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence	3
WGST 4600	Women and Health	3