

Undergraduate Certificate in Community Health Assessment

Extend your understanding of the physical, social, and intellectual factors that influence health behaviors, and earn a Certificate in Community Health Assessment. This 18-credit program will aid workers in social services and public and community health.

This interdisciplinary program is designed to educate health service workers in the areas of sociology, communications, public administration, and management. Students who successfully complete their certificates may apply the credits to an undergraduate degree in the University of Pittsburgh's College of General Studies (CGS).

Who should participate:

- Social work and social services employees who wish to extend the breadth of their knowledge in health assessment
- Professionals who wish to broaden their employment options by earning a specialized certificate
- Public and community health workers who seek an understanding of the physical, social, and cultural factors influencing health behaviors

Upon completion of this certificate, participants will be able to:

- Communicate and interact effectively with people from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds.
- Understand how social, cultural, legal, and environmental factors may impact both patients and healthcare workers.
- Identify behaviors that tend to promote or compromise health.
- Know how to apply administrative skills to nonprofits.
- Identify, recognize, and gather data that are pertinent to the health services field.

This certificate is applicable to job titles such as health support coordinator, health outreach representative, health services administrator, and more. See an academic consultant for more details.

Admission requirements

Students must meet requirements for admission to CGS. For admissions guidelines and application, see www.cgs.pitt.edu. A certificate application form must be completed and returned to CGS.

Fees and tuition

Current tuition rates are available at www.ir.pitt.edu/tuition. Rates will change each July for the next academic year.

Payment plans

- Discover, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted for tuition payment via the Web at <http://student-info.pitt.edu>.
- If you are employed, check with your company's human resources office to see whether you qualify for company tuition benefits.
- Optional payment plans and deferrals are available for participants who wish to extend tuition payments over a longer period of time.

Obtaining the certificate

To receive the certificate, you must fill out an application with your academic advisor prior to completing your last term in the program. Check with an academic consultant for the application filing form and deadline, and be sure all requirements for the certificate have been met. To avoid a late fee, you should complete this process when registering for the term.

Health services programs

The field of health services is one of the largest growth industries in the country. Nine out of 20 occupations projected to grow the fastest are concentrated in health services. Approximately 13 percent of salaried jobs created between 2000 and 2010 will be in health services, and most of these jobs will be available to those who have not yet completed a college degree but have specific education and training in key healthcare disciplines.

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Additional programs offered in this field include:

- Certificate in Managing Health Services Programs and Projects
- Bachelor of Arts in Health Services

Curriculum: 18 credits

Required courses: 3 credits each

NUR	1829	Issues in Cross-cultural Healthcare
HRS	1017	Introduction to Epidemiology
COMMRC	1730	Special Topics: Health Communications
NUR	1765	Risk Factors and Health
PUBSRV	1305	Health, Law, and Ethics
SOC	0477	Medical Sociology
OR		
PUBSRV	1200	Practices of Nonprofit Management

College of General Studies

The College of General Studies (CGS) provides adult and continuing education programs that are designed to address changing employer and student needs. The high-quality, flexible programs include degree completion, certificates, and enrichment courses. CGS provides a single point of access to the University's innovative programs and services that both enrich lives and promote the economic health of the region.

Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

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