

# School of Public Health

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## Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Science

## Nature of the Program

The School of Public Health offers two Bachelor of Science degree programs: BS in Public Health and BS in Health Services Management and Leadership (HSML) which are typically completed in a four-year period.

## BS IN PUBLIC HEALTH OVERVIEW

Graduates of the Public Health program are prepared for entry-level positions in a wide array of agencies involved in public and private health, including local, regional and state health departments, consulting and advocacy organizations, healthcare organizations, and government agencies, as well as entry into select graduate and professional programs.

## BS IN HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Students in this program will acquire the knowledge and skills to become health services managers, who oversee day-to-day operations; set and carry out policies, goals, and procedures; evaluate the quality of the staff's work; and develop reports and budgets for health-related and clinical agencies and departments.

The HSML program will provide students with an understanding of public and population health, as well as specific courses preparing them for entry level positions in health services management and administration, or for further professional education.

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## Admissions

### BS IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND BS IN HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

The WVU School of Public Health (SPH) admits students into the Bachelor of Science in Public Health and Bachelor of Science in Health Services Management and Leadership programs via direct admission for both first time freshmen and external transfers for fall and spring semesters. Additionally, WVU students may transfer into School of Public Health undergraduate programs if they meet the academic standards. Please see program-specific catalog page for admission requirements.

*Due to Covid-19 – Admission requirements may differ from what is listed on this page. Please review the most up-to-date program admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (<https://admissions.wvu.edu/academics/majors/public-health/>) major.*

## ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJORS IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FALL AND SPRING TERMS

### PUBLIC HEALTH

- Minimum GPA of 2.75, or,
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 with an accompanying ACT of 19 or higher.

### HEALTH SERVICES, MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

- Minimum GPA of 2.75, or,
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 with an accompanying ACT of 21 or higher.

Applicants who are admissible to the university but do not meet the minimum GPA for the School of Public Health, will be admitted into the Center for Learning, Advising, and Student Success and the Healthcare Guided Pathway until they are eligible for admission to the School of Public Health.

## Degree Designation Learning Outcomes

### Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a strong foundation of knowledge about the history, philosophy, core values, concepts, and functions of public health in the US and globally.
2. Determine appropriate public health processes, approaches, and interventions needed to address health-related needs and concerns of specific populations.
3. Illustrate how socio-economic, behavioral, biological, and environmental factors impact human health, contribute to health disparities, and can be affected by promotion and protection programs.
4. Communicate public health information to diverse audiences through a variety of mediums.
5. Apply evidence-based and ethical approaches to identifying, collecting, using, analyzing, and disseminating public health data and information.
6. Differentiate the basic concepts of legal, ethical, economic, and regulatory dimensions of health and how they influence the US health system and public health policy.

### Bachelor of Science in Health Services Management and Leadership

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a strong foundational knowledge of the history, principles, theories, frameworks, and current issues in public health.
2. Describe health and health care dynamics, including the structures, policies, processes and institutions that make up the U.S. healthcare system.
3. Manage the basic human, fiscal, and physical resources needed for accomplishing organizational goals.
4. Articulate a personal management philosophy that integrates health services management and leadership concepts, knowledge, and skills.
5. Apply principles and practices of health services management and leadership to identify and solve organizational problems.

## Accreditation

The WVU School of Public Health is fully accredited (<http://publichealth.wvu.edu/about/accreditation/>) by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH (<https://ceph.org/>)). The only accredited public health program in the state, the School is home to undergraduate and graduate programs in various public health disciplines at the BS, MPH, MS and PhD levels. The school's Master of Science in Industrial Hygiene program is accredited by the Applied Natural Sciences Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET-ANSAC (<https://www.abet.org/>)). The school is also seeking accreditation for the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME (<https://www.cahme.org/>)) and certification of the Bachelor of Science in Health Services Management and Leadership by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA (<https://www.aupha.org/home/>)).

## Minors

- Health Policy and Healthcare Navigation (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/healthpolicyhealthcarenavigation/>)
- Public Health (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/pubh/>)