Public Health
Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose the Public Health Minor?

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of health educators and community health workers is projected to grow 21 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by efforts to improve health outcomes and to reduce healthcare costs by teaching people about healthy habits and behaviors and utilization of available health care services. Importantly, the Public Health Minor will meet a need that has been identified within the College of Health Professions as an additional area of expertise that could complement other programs within the College. In addition, it is noted that there may be students in programs outside of CHP who would find a Public Health minor to be a value-added component to support their field of practice. With the growing interest in public health with the Affordable Care Act enactment and the increasing emphasis on health promotion, this minor would fit well with a wide variety of other disciplinary programs.

Admission Requirements

This minor is open to any student admitted to Ferris State University who has an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher and is pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

Graduation Requirements

This minor requires a minimum of 18 credits and must reflect an area apart from the major concentration of the student’s baccalaureate degree program. A maximum of 1/3 (6) of the credits in this minor may overlap with the student’s major. Minor requirements must be completed prior to or at the time of the awarding of a baccalaureate or higher degree.

Two unsuccessful attempts (grade less than C) in any combination of PUBH courses will lead to dismissal in the program. This includes the following: Two unsuccessful attempts (grade less than C) in any PUBH course; OR One unsuccessful attempt (grade less than C) in any two (2) different PUBH courses.

This minor requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the courses selected for the minor. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the Public Health Minor for successful completion and conferment of the Minor on the official transcript. At least 9 of the credits must be at the 300 level or above. At least 50% of the credits of the minor must be Ferris State University Credits.

More Information

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