

PUBLIC HEALTH ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in **Public Health**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The map serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirement necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

Acceptance into Tennessee State University (TSU) does not guarantee acceptance into the Public Health program. To enroll in courses within the major (Health Care Administration and Public Health), students must be accepted into the program by submitting a *Public Health, Health Administration and Health Sciences (PHHAHS) Department Application*. There are no deadlines to apply for admission. Applications are accepted and processed year-round for admission to the program. Students may submit a Department Application during their first semester sophomore year. Students are expected to meet with a departmental faculty advisor each semester. The application packet consists of: a department application; two letters of recommendation, a personal goals statement, and a recent transcript. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be considered for admission to the Bachelor degree program in Public Health.

After a student is accepted for admission to the Public Health Program, they must adhere to the following retention policy to remain in the Health Science Program:

1. Students must maintain minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (on scale of 4.0).
2. Students must earn a "C" or better in all major courses and supporting courses in Science, English, and Mathematics. Failure to maintain a "C" in any of these courses will result in the student repeating the course the next semester the course is offered with the approval of the Advisor.
3. Students who earn grade less than "C" in the same HCAP or HLSC courses for two semesters will be dismissed from the Health Science Program.

Each student will be assigned to a Faculty Advisor in the Department. Students should not self-advise. Each semester, the student should schedule a meeting with the Advisor before registering for classes.

Students who have been dismissed from the Public Health Program may apply for readmission. To request readmission, the student should present evidence to the Department's Admission Committee of substantial change in circumstances warranting reconsideration. If a student is dismissed from the program for poor academic performance, he/she must re-apply for readmission to the Public Health Program and explain the circumstances that led to their poor performance and provide a plan to improve their academic performance (i.e., seek tutoring).

Students who opt to major in Public Health should graduate with an overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in order to be competitive when applying for graduate programs in Public Health.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options to evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). There are various ways of earning PLA credit at TSU, they include the following: an Advanced Placement (AP) Program, the American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, the College Level Exam Program (CLEP), the DSST Credit by Examination Program (this includes the DANTE Examination), the Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, other Military Service, and a Portfolio Assessment. For additional information about PLA, contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	Pre-requisite course: Must be taken before HCAP 2010/2011; Minimum Grade of "P" Required.
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-requisite(s): ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, 2070 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade of "C" Required.
SOCI 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
BIOL 2210/2211	4/0	Pre-requisite course: Must be taken before HLSC 4300; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Humanities/ Fine Arts**	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total hours	14	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

**Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities/Fine Art courses: ART 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010. Students should not enroll in the same course.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
PSYC 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-requisite course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required.
MATH 1110	3	Pre---requisite course: Must be taken before HLSC 4010, HLSC 4300; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
BIOL 2220/2221	4/0	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Humanities/ Fine Arts*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total hours	16	

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
ENGL Literature*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HIST 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Natural Science **	3/1	Pre-requisite course: Must be taken before HLSC 3040; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HCAP 2010/2011	3/1	Pre-requisite course to HCAP 3800, HCAP 3100, HLSC 3020, HLSC 4300; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total hours	14	*Student must submit a department application to the HS Program.

*Courses within the range of ENGL 2110-2320 will meet this requirement

**Natural Science- Students must complete two four (4) credit hour science courses, which include the appropriate lab.

The recommended courses are: BIOL 1110/1111 or BIOL 1120/1121, CHEM 1110/1111, CHEM 1120/1121 PHYS 2010/2011 or ASTR 1010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
SOC or Behavioral Science*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HIST 2020	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HIMA 1040	3	Pre---requisite course: Must be taken before HLSC 4300; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Natural Science II**	3/1	Pre---requisite course: Must be taken before HLSC 3040; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
COMM 2200	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total hours	16	

*The following courses can meet the Social Science elective: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
BISI 2150 or COMP 1210	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HCAP 3800	3	Admission to the HS Program; Pre-requisite course to HLSC 3010, HLSC 3050, HLSC 4040, HLSC 3020; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Elective*	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
PSYC 3000---4000 Level	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HPSS 3060	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total hours	15	

*In consultation with the student's advisor: HCAP 3200, HCAP 3310, HCAP 3900, HCAP 4700, HCAP 4800; EDUC 3000-4000, SOCI 3000-4000, PSYC 3000-4000.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
HLSC 3010	3	Admission to the HCAP Program; Junior Standing; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HLSC 3060	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HLSC 3040	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Elective*	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HCAP 3100	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total hours	15	

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
HLSC 4010	3	Admission to the HS Program; Pre-requisite course: Must be taken before HCAP 4900, HLSC 4300; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HLSC 3050	3	Admission to the HS Program; HLSC 3020; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HLSC 4040	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Elective*	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
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Total hours	15	

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation.
HLSC 3020	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HCAP 4900	3	Admission to the HS Program; Senior Standing; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HLSC 4020	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HLSC 4300	3	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Elective*	2	Admission to the HS Program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
HLSC 4930	1	Admission to the HS Program; Graduating Senior Status; students are required to pass the Comprehensive Exam with a 70 or above and earn an "S" in the course to graduate.
Total hours	15	

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Employment Information:

Public Health majors are employed in a variety of health and health related settings. They include: Community Health Agencies, Hospitals, Drug Companies, Business and Educational Institutions, Public Health Department, Nursing Homes, Retirement Residences, Home Health Agencies, Federal, state, and local health departments, the U.S. Military, the Veterans Administration Hospital, HMOs, Medical Group Practices, Insurance Companies, etc.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Many students who choose Public Health may apply to a graduate program in Public Health or seek employment in a variety of health settings as an assistant administrator, program director, a director of public health programs, an officer in the military, etc.

Representative Employers:

Various agencies with the state government, local government, federal government, the State Health Department, various pharmaceutical companies, etc.

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the MAP; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor about this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

This map is not intended to be a contract, either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.