

BACHELOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Bachelor of Public Health (BPH) program equips students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills to solve real-world problems in public health, including analyzing healthcare data, implementing quality improvement initiatives, managing healthcare projects, and ensuring compliance with healthcare laws and regulations. The program aims to develop public health leaders who are compassionate, ethically grounded, and motivated by a desire to make a positive impact in the world in alignment with Christian values.

Students in the Bachelor of Public Health program who intend to apply to the Master of Public Health program have an opportunity to substitute up to three graduate-level classes to satisfy BPH major requirements.

Allowable substitutions include PUBH 500 for PUBH 300, PUBH 530 for PUBH 280, and PUBH 540 for PUBH 380. Undergraduate students considering substitution courses should work with their success coach to determine whether this option fits with their future goals. In addition, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and obtain approval from the assistant dean of the graduate program. Please be aware that graduate-level substitution courses have a different tuition rate (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/grad/financial/#costofattendancetext>).

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for the Bachelor of Public Health Degree

Graduates of the Bachelor of Public Health degree program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Evaluate personal and organizational ethics affecting public health decisions from a Christian worldview perspective.
- **PLO 2:** Demonstrate effective written communication of public health information
- **PLO 3:** Demonstrate effective oral communication of public health information.
- **PLO 4:** Critically interpret data to assess public health interventions and outcomes.
- **PLO 5:** Utilize critical thinking and systems-based approaches in public health research and its implications.
- **PLO 6:** Implement key public health competencies in addressing real-world health challenges.
- **PLO 7:** Promote diversity and cultural sensitivity in alignment with professional standards.

Core

The Los Angeles Pacific University Core comprises the General Education requirements and the LAPU Distinctives. Students are encouraged to complete the Core before beginning their major requirements. General Education requirements may be met by transfer work. The LAPU Distinctives are required for all undergraduate degrees at LAPU.

Requirement	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		25
LAPU Distinctives		9
Total Credits		34

General Education

Requirement	Title	Credits
English Communication		
COMM 105	Public Communication	3
ENGL 105	Introduction to Academic Research and Writing	3
Arts		
ARTS 110	Introduction to Art	3
Humanities		
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3
or PHIL 205	Introduction to Philosophy	
or PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	
Quantitative Reasoning		
STAT 280	Applied Statistics	3
Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
Social Sciences		
HIST 202	World Civilizations	3
or HIST 204	U.S. History from 1865	
or HIST 420	United States History and the Constitution	
Physical and Biological Sciences		
BIOL 105	General Biology/Lab	4
Total Credits		25

LAPU Distinctives

Requirement	Title	Credits
BIBL 100	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus/Deuteronomy	3
BIBL 230	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Luke/Acts	3
ISTU 101	Success in the University ¹	3
Total Credits		9

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Must be taken at LAPU.

Program Requirements

To earn the Bachelor of Public Health degree, students must complete the following degree components:

Requirement	Title	Credits
Core		34
Program Requisites		9
Major Requirements		36
Electives		41
Total Credits		120

In order to earn the Bachelor of Public Health degree, students must complete the following required courses while achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in their major courses.

Requirement	Title	Credits
Core		
Core Requirement		34
Program Requisites		
HSCI 100	Introduction to Health and Disease	3
HSCI 105	Nutrition and Wellness	3
HSCI 110	U.S. Healthcare Systems	3
Major Requirements		
BUSN 460	Leadership and People	3
HMGH 320	Healthcare Financial Management	3
HSCI 300	Bioethics	3
HSCI 320	Medical Sociology	3
PSYC 430	Cultural Psychology	3
PUBH 280	Introduction to Environmental Health	3
PUBH 300	Public Health Essentials	3
PUBH 310	Research Methods in Health Sciences & Public Health	3
PUBH 380	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
PUBH 400	Global Health	3
PUBH 450	AI in Healthcare and Public Health	3
PUBH 490	Developing and Assessing Public Health Services	3
Electives ¹		41
Total Credits		120

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Students may choose from any course in the catalog. If students wish to complete a concentration, they may complete a maximum of two concentrations.

Students may also earn up to 30 credits of electives via Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).

Concentrations

Recommended concentrations

- Health Education (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/health-education/>)
- Human Services (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/human-services/>)
- Organizational Leadership (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/organizational-leadership/>)
- Psychology in the Healthcare Profession (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/conc/psychology-healthcare-profession/>)