

PUBLIC HEALTH (M.P.H.) - PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
HLTH 501	Biostatistics ¹	3
HLTH 503	Principles of Epidemiology	3
HLTH 505	Principles of Environmental Health	3
HLTH 507	Public Health Administration	3
HLTH 509	Social and Behavioral Theory Applications in Public Health	3
HLTH 511	Research Methods in Public Health (Core Courses)	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Gate 1 – Admission to Graduate School, Successful Completion of PHGT 510 (Orientation), Completion of HLTH 501 with a Grade of C or higher.

Code	Title	Hours
Gate Courses		
PHGT 510	Public Health Orientation ¹	0
PHGT 512	Public Health Essay ²	0
PHGT 513	Public Health Portfolio ³	0
PHGT 514	Public Health Competency Exam ⁴	0
Total Hours		0

¹ Gate 1 – Admission to Graduate School, Successful Completion of PHGT 510 (Orientation), Completion of HLTH 501 with a Grade of C or higher.

² Gate 2 – Successful Completion of PHGT 512 (Approval of Public Health Essay), Complete 12 credit hours (must include HLTH 501 with a Grade of C or higher)

³ Gate 3 – Successful Completion of PHGT 513 (Electronic Student Portfolio).

⁴ Gate 4 – Successful Completion of PHGT 514 (Competency Exam) with a passing score of 70% or better. Students have three attempts to take the exam. Failure to pass the exam will result in remediation or dismissal from the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Public Health Policy Concentration		
HLTH 551	Issues in Public and Community Health	3
HLTH 556	Politics and Health Policy	3
HLTH 610	Principles of Public Health Policy and Practice ¹	3
HLTH 634	Health Communication and Advocacy	3
HLTH 635	Health Agency Management	3
HLTH 698	Practicum ^{1,2}	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Gate 5 - Successful Completion of HLTH 698 (Practicum). Contact the Practicum Director for practicum agreement, application, and registration of HLTH 698, which will include 120 field hours and a 16 week practicum course.

² Gate 6 - Apply for and meet all requirements for graduation.

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses		
HLTH 632	Health Program Planning	3
or HLTH 633	Health Program Evaluation	
Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		6

¹ Choose from the following: HSCI 745 or a 500-600 level HLTH course not already applying to the degree. Graduate level courses other than HLTH may be accepted but only with program approval.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 42 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
HLTH 501	Biostatistics	3
HLTH 509	Social and Behavioral Theory Applications in Public Health	3
HLTH 632	Health Program Planning	3
or HLTH 633	or Health Program Evaluation	
PHGT 510	Public Health Orientation	0
	Hours	9
Second Semester		
HLTH 503	Principles of Epidemiology	3
HLTH 505	Principles of Environmental Health	3
HLTH 507	Public Health Administration	3
HLTH 551	Issues in Public and Community Health	3
PHGT 512	Public Health Essay	0
	Hours	12
Third Semester		
HLTH 511	Research Methods in Public Health	3

Course	Title	Hours
HLTH 610	Principles of Public Health Policy and Practice	3
HLTH 633	Health Program Evaluation	3
PHGT 513	Public Health Portfolio	0
Hours		9
Fourth Semester		
HLTH 556	Politics and Health Policy	3
HLTH 634	Health Communication and Advocacy	3
PHGT 514	Public Health Competency Exam	0
Elective ¹		3
Hours		9
Fifth Semester		
HLTH 698	Practicum ²	3
Hours		3
Total Hours		42

¹ Choose from the following: HSCI 745 or a 500 -600 level HLTH course not already applying to the degree. Graduate level courses other than HLTH may be accepted, but only with program approval.

² 16 Week A-Term course with 120 field hours