**About the School of Public Health**

Established in 1985, the University at Albany’s School of Public Health is unique because of its strong partnership with the New York State Department of Health. The School of Public Health is a dynamic, progressive place for students to advance their careers through graduate study.

We are the only School of Public Health in the United States that is in partnership with a state health department, providing students with opportunities to work closely with faculty who are practitioners and research scientists addressing “front-page” health issues. Our nationally accredited degree programs combine cutting edge research, policy development and administration. Our students benefit from having access to New York State Department of Health facilities, databases, internships and full-time employment opportunities.

Combined with the fact that we are one of the most affordable public health programs in the country, our students are given the best opportunity to pursue a degree in public health and prepare for the challenges they will face in the real world of public health practice.

**About the Certificate Program**

The **Public Health Fundamentals and Principles (CPH-FP) Certificate** prepares students for the continuously changing challenges in public health.

The program is designed to meet the emerging need for creative educational modalities in public health and allows students to take required courses entirely online.

The Certificate serves as a first look at public health or to further enhance knowledge and understanding of the complexities of the field.

Students who complete the Certificate may apply course credits toward an MPH degree at the School of Public Health by meeting the following criteria:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Complete all 6 courses within 4 years;
- Fulfill all other admission requirements for the MPH.

**Note:** Course waivers can be obtained only through prior approval. There is a transfer credit limit of one course (3 credits).

**Public Health Fundamentals and Principles Certificate Coursework Overview**

- 18 graduate credits in Master of Public Health (MPH) core courses.
- All of the CPH-FP courses are offered online through the Blackboard Learning System.

The Certificate Program courses include:

- **EPI 501**
  Principles and Methods of Epidemiology
- **EPI 503**
  Principles of Public Health
- **STA 551**
  Principles of Statistical Inference
- **HPM 500**
  Health Care Organization, Delivery and Finance
- **HPM 525**
  Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health
- **EHS 590**
  Introduction to Environmental Health
Admission Requirements

1) Current CV

2) Proof of a Baccalaureate Degree (official transcript) from all academic institutions with an official English translation if the original is not in English.

3) Letter of intent describing your background and reasons for pursuing the Certificate.

4) Evidence of proficiency in English (for international applicants)

5) Completed application and payment of application fee.

How to Apply

All applications to the Certificate Program are submitted through www.albany.edu/graduate

Application Deadlines

July 1 for Fall Admission
November 1 for Spring Admission
April 1 for Summer Admission

NOTE: GRE scores and letters of recommendation are NOT required for the Certificate program. However, they are required for admission into the MPH, MS and PhD programs at the School of Public Health.

Contact Information

For more information about enrolling in the certificate program, contact:

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