



## Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

# UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR in PUBLIC HEALTH

### THE BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy was established in 1992 to prepare students to be the leaders of tomorrow, conduct cutting-edge, policy-relevant research and scholarship, cultivate leadership and public engagement and community service, and to address the crucial policy issues of our time. The school fosters a highly-collaborative academic, scholarly and professional environment, where the disciplines of urban planning, public policy, public health, and health administration closely converge.

### UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH (Bachelor of Science Degree)

The major in public health (832, 832D) prepares students for a wide variety of career paths in population health and disease prevention. Public health professionals work in a wide range of services including infectious disease control; health problems of children, older adults and the medically underserved; chronic disease management; health monitoring and surveillance; environmental/occupational health and safety; and emergency preparedness.

### PREREQUISITES (17-24 cr)

- 355:101 Expository Writing (3)
- 762:205 Basic Statistical Methods (4) or equivalent (3-4)
- A two-semester biology sequence (8)
  - 119:127,128 Anatomy & Physiology I, II (4,4)
  - 119:115,116 Gen Biology I, II (4,4) – *required for SEBS students*
- A chemistry course or sequence (3-9)
  - 160:127 Impact of Chemistry (3)
  - 160:128 Chemistry of Life (3)
  - 160:161,162, 171 Gen Chemistry I, II with lab (4,4,1) – *required for SEBS students*

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (46 cr total)

Effective January 1, 2017

#### Core (31 cr)

- 832:201 Principles of Public Health (3)
- 832:212 Introduction to Health Disparities (3)
- 832:240 Global Health Perspectives (3)
- One of the following intensive writing courses (3):
  - 775:300 Writing for Professionals (3)
  - 832:339 Public Health Literature (3) *Prerequisites: 832:201 and 355:101*
- 832:335 Epidemiology (3) *Prerequisites: Statistics or Pre-calculus and 832:201*
- 832:356 Public Health Law and Ethics (3)
- 775:395 Research Methods (4) – *Open to majors only; Prerequisites: 775:300 or 832:339*
- 775:450 Leadership Seminar (3) – *Open to majors only; Prerequisites: 775:300 or 832:339 and min. 85 credits*
- \*775:499 Internship (6) – *Prerequisites: 832:395 or 775:395; and 832:450 or 775:450; and 100 credits*

*\*Students with a minimum 3.4 cumulative GPA may replace 775:499 with 832:497, 498 Bloustein Honors Research (3, 3)*

### Required Electives (15 cr)

15 credits of electives with course code 832, 9 credits of which must be at the 300-level or higher.

Students interested in select career paths should consider clustering their electives and seek advising early in their program of studies.

### Certificate Programs

The Bloustein School offers a variety of public health certificates. Certificates are awarded only with, or subsequent to, receiving a bachelor's degree. Awarded certificates appear on the student's transcript. *Students must declare their intention to pursue a certificate program with the Bloustein School prior to their last year of study in order to qualify to receive a certificate.*

- Health Disparities (18 cr)
- Public Health Advocacy/Education (18 cr)
- Public Health Management (18 cr)
- Public Health Preparedness (18 cr)

Please see [bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/public-health-certificate-programs/](http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/public-health-certificate-programs/) for curriculum requirements for each certificate.

### UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH (24 cr)

Students seeking the public health minor must complete three core courses and five 832 elective courses, four of which must be at the 300-level or higher. Students should declare the public health minor with their home school; they need not apply for minor status with the Bloustein School. Only courses with a grade of "C" or better can be counted toward the minor program of study.

#### Minor Core (9 cr)

- 832:201 Principles of Public Health (3)
- 832:212 Introduction to Health Disparities (3) or 832:240 Global Health Perspectives (3)
- 832:335 Epidemiology (3)

#### Electives (15 cr)

- 15 credits of courses with course code 832

### JOINT BA/MPH OR BS/MPH PROGRAM

Exceptional, well-prepared students from any major with at least 60 credits and a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better, and who wish to pursue graduate studies at the Rutgers School of Public Health are encouraged to seek advising about the 5 year (BA/MPH or BS/MPH) program.

[bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate](http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate)

## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES and SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES STUDENTS (832)

Students in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) and students in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS) may remain in their primary unit, and must apply for admission to the major prior to declaring the major.

SAS and SEBS students can apply for the Public Health major by visiting <http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/major-application>.

Applicants must have achieved a minimum grade of "C" or better in each of the pre-requisite courses and be in good academic standing.

Students are advised to declare the Public Health major no later than their first semester of junior year to ensure completion of the major by their anticipated graduation date.

Only courses with "C" or better may be counted toward the public health major, and students must complete the general education requirements for their respective school. The degree is awarded jointly by the Bloustein School and the School of Arts and Sciences or the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS (832D)

Current Rutgers students seeking a school-to-school transfer from another Rutgers unit, or students transferring to Rutgers from another college or university, must apply via the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. For a school-to-school transfer visit [www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/SchoolToSchool/auth.aspx](http://www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/SchoolToSchool/auth.aspx). If you are transferring from outside of Rutgers, visit [admissionservices.rutgers.edu/ugrad/](http://admissionservices.rutgers.edu/ugrad/).

Transfer students from New Jersey community colleges are encouraged to complete lower division prerequisite courses and the Associate's Degree in order to benefit from articulation agreements.

Transfer students seeking the Public Health major must have at least 30 credits before applying to the Bloustein School. Successful applicants will have completed the prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better, and have achieved an overall GPA of at least 2.5.

This program is designed to accommodate the needs of transfer and nontraditional students. To learn more on how to apply, admission requirements, and academic policies, please visit the major homepage:

[bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/publichealth](http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/publichealth).

Only courses with "C" or better may be counted towards program requirements. Upon completing the major, all General Education requirements\*, and a minimum of 120 credits in good academic standing, the student will receive the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree from the Bloustein School.

### \* General Education Requirements (27 cr)

for students transferring to the Bloustein School (school-to-school and external transfers)

- Expository Writing or equivalent (3) *FULFILLED BY PREREQUISITE*
- An intensive writing course (3) *FULFILLED WITHIN THE MAJOR*
- College-level math (3)
- Two, 3-credit Science courses (3, 3) *FULFILLED BY PREREQUISITE*
- Two, 3-credit Arts & Humanities courses (3, 3)
- One, 3-credit course in History (3)
- One, 3-credit Diversity course (3)

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## Public Health (832)



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