

# PUBLIC HEALTH BS

## More Information

### Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

### E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health prepares students for entry-level positions in county health departments, nonprofit health agencies, medical service settings, school systems, and businesses. Public health workers promote, maintain, and improve individual and community health. They do this by assessing needs; planning, implementing, and evaluating health programs; coordinating health services; serving as a resource person; and advocating for specific health issues. Graduates in this option are qualified to apply to take the test for national credentialing as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

### Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

A grade of C- or higher is required in all public health and health administration (PHHA) courses in the major.

## Course Requirements for the Major: 67 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

A maximum of 15 units of internship (courses numbered 189, 289, 389, 489) may be applied to a bachelor's degree at CSU, Chico.

Course	Title	Units
BIOL 104	Human Physiology	4
MATH 105	Introduction to Statistics	3
NFSC 303	Nutrition and Physical Fitness	3
PHHA 320	Chronic and Communicable Diseases	3
PHHA 321	Community Health	3
PHHA 325W	Introduction to Public Health Practice and Research (W)	3
PHHA 328	Health Equity	3
PHHA 348	Public Health Policy and Systems	3
PHHA 360	Public Health Administration	3
PHHA 362	Environmental Health	3
PHHA 369	Health Promotion Techniques	3
PHHA 425W	Research and Evaluation in Health (W)	3
PHHA 463	Epidemiology	3
PHHA 467	Mental and Emotional Health	3
PHHA 471	Planning Public Health Programs	3

PHHA 489	Internship (a minimum of 6 units is required)	6
PHHA 579W	Grant Writing and Other Fundraising Strategies (W)	3
Select two of the following:		6
PHHA 265	Human Sexuality	
PHHA 323	International Health	
PHHA/WMST 368	Women's Health	
PHHA 370	Drugs in Our Society	
PHHA 541	Health in the Later Years	
Select two of the following (at least one must be upper division):		6
ANTH 435	Medical Anthropology	
CHLD 252	Child Development	
CHLD 255	Marriage and Family Relationships	
CHLD 321	Risk and Resilience in Development	
GEOG 211	Introduction to Geographical Information Systems	
KINE 314	Psychology of Coaching	
KINE 315	Introduction to Adapted Physical Activity	
NFSC 310	Global Nutrition	
PSYC 323	Health Psychology	
SOCI 370	Population and Migration	
SOCI 484	Youth, Crime, and Delinquency	
SPED 343	Overview of Special Education	

**Total Units** 67

## Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

## Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires 6 units of honors course work completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

- You must take 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. All 6 units are honors classes (marked by a suffix of H), and at least 3 of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in

the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.

- Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
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- Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

## General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

## Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in U.S. Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>).

## Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- PHHA 579W Grant Writing and Other Fundraising Strategies (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.