

Associate in Public Health

Specialization in Faith-Based Public Health and Community Development

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 60 hours (including 15 credit specialization hours)

Program Description

The Associate in Public Health program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Public Health and Community Development at HBI University prepares students to address health disparities and promote wellness in underserved communities through a biblical worldview. Students gain a strong foundation in health education, prevention strategies, and public health systems, while learning how to engage in faith-centered outreach and healing ministries.

This program equips students to advocate for community wellness, design educational programs, and assist in outreach initiatives through churches, nonprofits, and health agencies. Emphasis is placed on servant leadership, health equity, and culturally sensitive care.

Graduates will be ready to serve in church-based health programs, nonprofit outreach, global missions, or local health departments.

This program is ideal for students who are passionate about holistic healing, wellness education, and faith-driven community service.

General Education Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 101	English Composition I	3
GEN 102	English Composition II	3
GEN 103	College Algebra	3
GEN 104	Introduction to Psychology	3
GEN 105	Introduction to Sociology	3

Core Public Health Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
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PH 201	Foundations of Public Health	3
PH 202	Epidemiology and Health Data	3
PH 203	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
PH 204	Community Health Strategies	3
PH 205	Environmental and Global Health	3
PH 206	Public Health Policy and Advocacy	3
PH 207	Health Communication and Education	3
PH 208	Nutrition, Fitness, and Wellness	3
PH 209	Mental and Behavioral Health Awareness	3
PH 210	Public Health Field Practicum	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PH 301	Health Disparities and Social Justice	3
PH 302	Healthcare Administration in Faith Settings	3
PH 303	Trauma-Informed Public Health Practices	3
PH 304	Maternal and Child Health	3
PH 305	Health Technologies and Innovation	3

Specialization in Faith-Based Public Health and Community Development (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FPH 401	Biblical Perspectives on Health and Healing	3
FPH 402	Faith-Based Health Outreach and Ministry	3
FPH 403	Community Building and Faith-Informed Advocacy	3
FPH 404	Holistic Wellness and Spiritual Care	3
FPH 405	Mobilizing Churches for Health and Social Impact	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Public Health and Community Development enables students to develop a real-world application of their skills. Students may:

- Design a health initiative for a church or nonprofit.
- Intern with a faith-based community health outreach.
- Conduct a public health needs assessment with a spiritual care plan.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Promote health equity through faith-based education and engagement.
- Lead or support community health projects with spiritual sensitivity.
- Communicate health information effectively in diverse settings.
- Apply biblical principles to health education and wellness.
- Serve churches and communities with compassion and care.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Community Health Advocate	\$40,000 - \$58,000
Public Health Outreach Coordinator	\$45,000 - \$65,000
Faith-Based Wellness Program Leader	\$42,000 - \$60,000
Nonprofit Health Educator	\$43,000 - \$62,000

Missionary Health Worker

\$40,000 - \$55,000