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Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy



Bachelor of Science (BS) in Public Health for Transfer Students

Direct admission to the 120 credit public health Bachelor of Science prepares students for graduate education in public health and for entry-level positions in a broad spectrum of private and public health organizations. Students receive a conceptual understanding of interrelated health, environmental, economic, educational, and social welfare issues. To pursue the BS in Public Health as a student transfer from a New Jersey community college or other institution, individuals must apply and be accepted to Rutgers and select the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy BS in Public Health.

THE BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL

Edward J. Bloustein, a former Rutgers president, constitutional scholar, active citizen, philosopher and teacher, lived a life of civic engagement. The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy was established in his honor in 1992 and has emerged as one of the nation's key centers for the theory and practice of scholarship and analysis related to the fields of planning and public policy, and public health.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The School offers major and minor programs of study in both planning and public policy (762) and public health (832). It educates a highly select pool of students, preparing them for public and private sector careers, teaching and research professions, and public service. Exceptionally well-prepared students may be invited by the faculty to participate in articulated masters degree programs at either the Bloustein School (BA/ MCRP, BA/ MPP) or the UMDNJ School of Public Health - Piscataway (BA or BS/ MPH).

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE (Transfer Students)

Successful applicants to the Bloustein School will have completed the general education requirements listed in section B below with an earned grade of C or better in each. Additional transfer credits may be applied to sections A and C, as applicable.

Public Health	10:832:101 Intro to Planning, Policy and Health (3)
Core (6)	10:832:232 Principles of Public Health (3) or equivalent
Research and	10:762:205 Basic Statistical Methods (4)
Applied	or equivalent 3-cr course in basic statistics
Statistical	10:832:335 Epidemiology (3) or equivalent
Methods (10–11)	10:762:395 Research Methods (4) or equivalent

A. Public Health Major Requirements (43-44 credits)



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Public Health Major Requirements Continued

Professional Writing (3)	One of the following: 01:355:302 Scientific and Technical Writing (3) 01:355:303 Writing for Business and the Professions (3) 01:355:315 Writing Grant Proposals (3) or equivalent professional writing course
Field Experience with Professional Seminar (6)	10:832:499 Internship with Seminar (6)
Public Health Electives (18)	Select from electives

B. General Education Requirements (33–39 credits)

Writing and Communication (6)	01:355:101 Expository Writing (3) or equivalent course in general composition AND 01:355:201 Research in the Disciplines (3) or equivalent course in research composition
Quantitative	01:640:103 Topics in Math for the Liberal Arts (3)
Reasoning (3)	or higher course in college mathematics
Natural Sciences (12–16)	A two-course biology sequence such as 01:119:101-102 General Biology (4,4) 01:119:127-128 Anatomy and Physiology (4,4) or equivalent (3,3) course sequence AND A two-course chemistry sequence such as 01:160:161-162 General Chemistry w/ lab (4,4) or equivalent 3,3 credit sequence
Arts and Humanities (6)	Any two 3-cr Art, Music, English Literature, Foreign Language, Speech, Classics, Religion, Philosophy, or other Humanities course (3,3)
Social Science (6)	Any two 3-cr Anthropology, Economics, Geography,
Remaining credits	Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or other
fulfilled by major	Social Science course (3,3)

Sections A and B yield a total of 76-83 credits required toward the BS degree

C. General Electives (37–44 credits)

Awarding of the BS degree requires at least 120 credits of C or better towards graduation. The additional credits may include liberal arts credits (no limit), technical credits (limit 24), or physical education credits (limit 2), either transferred in from another institution or earned at Rutgers (See NJTransfer).



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STUDENTS SEEKING PARTICULAR PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER PATHS

Addictions Prevention: Students seeking a career in addictions prevention should take courses leading to the <u>Addictions Prevention Certificate</u>. The coursework prepares students to take the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (CD&RC) Prevention Specialist examination.

Health Administration: Students seeking a career in health administration should take calculus, microeconomics, health economics, and plan on graduate study to pursue an MBA or MHA degree.

Health Education: Students should take several psychology and sociology courses, as well as complete courses for the <u>Public Health Education Certificate</u>. Advising is available about becoming a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and graduate study to pursue an MA or MPH degree. Students with strong GPAs may join Eta Sigma Gamma, the honor society for health education.

Health and Safety, or Environmental and Occupational Health: Students should take a minimum of 32 credits in science and math, followed by 10:832:438 Environmental and Public Health Practice (6 credits during summer session). Advising is available about becoming a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), as well as the requirements for graduate study to pursue an MA, MS, or MPH degree.

Nursing Home Administration: Students seeking a career in long-term care should plan to complete elective courses leading to the <u>Nursing Home</u> <u>Administration Certificate</u> and the pathway to taking the NJ Licensed Nursing Home Administrator (LNHA) examination. Students contemplating graduate study should seek additional advising.

Public Health Preparedness: Students seeking a career as a first responder (EMT, Nursing, Fire and Rescue, Police) should plan to complete the <u>Public Health</u> <u>Preparedness Certificate</u>.

Certificates are awarded only with, or subsequent to, a bachelor's degree. All certificate programs are available to students in any major except Nursing Home Administration, which is restricted to Public Health majors only.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact Christina Miller, Coordinator, Undergraduate Student Services at the Bloustein School, 33 Livingston Avenue (Room 183) for information about advising and how to apply. Ms. Miller may be reached at 732/ 932-5475 (x683) or at <u>millercl@rci.rutgers.edu</u>.