What is Public & Community Health?
Bachelor of Science in Public & Community Health is designed to prepare students for employment as a community-based health educator, assisting individuals and communities in promoting health and preventing disease. Students employed in this profession carry out their mission through organized, interdisciplinary efforts that address the environmental health concerns of entire communities as well as specific populations at high risk of disease and/or injury. Students select one of two tracks of specialization: Nonprofit Leadership and Healthcare Administration.

The Public & Community Health Program well prepares their students for a long-term profession of improving the health of communities and individuals.

Why Here?
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of Health Educators and Community Health Workers is expected to grow 21% (faster than average) by 2022. The mission of the Public & Community Health Program at Murray State University is to educate and develop professional community health educators by providing competencies and skills needed to preserve, promote, and improve the health and well-being of diverse individuals and communities. The program is also designed to help prepare students to pass the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) examination, offered by the National Commission for Health Educations Credentialing, Inc.

Careers in our area include:
- Public Health Departments (State/City/County)
- University Health Centers
- Community Health Centers
- Hospitals/Clinics
- Corporate/Worksite
- Insurance Companies
- Health Management Companies
- Non-Profit Agencies
Public & Community Health

Bachelor of Science
CIP 51.2208

University Studies Requirements
(See Chapter 4, University Studies Requirements) 40-41 hrs

University Studies selections must include:
Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills
BIO 101 Biological Concepts 4 hrs
CHE 105 Introductory Chemistry I  Or 4 hrs
CHE 11 Essentials of Chemistry and Biochemistry 5 hrs
MAT 140 College Algebra or higher math 4 hrs

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship
PHI 202 Ethics 3 hrs
PSY 180 General Psychology 3 hrs

University Studies Electives
CSC 125 Internet and Web Page Design  Or 3 hrs
CSC 199 Introduction to Information Technology 3 hrs

Unrestricted Electives (if needed) 3-4 hrs

Designated Writing-Intensive Course
EXS 400 Research Design and Statistics for Allied Health 3 hrs

Designated Technology-Intensive Course
CSC 125 Internet and Web Page Design  Or 3 hrs
CSC 199 Introduction to Information Technology 3 hrs

*Total Curriculum Requirements 120 hrs

**42 credit hours must be at the 300-400 level

Core Courses 49 hrs
HEA 100T Transitions 1 hr
HEA 110 Foundations of Community Health Ed. 3 hrs
HEA 191 Personal Health 3 hrs
HEA 200 Community & Consumer Health 3 hrs
HEA 210 Health Behavior 3 hrs
NTN 230 Nutrition Throughout the Lifecycle 3 hrs
HEA 301 Chronic & Communicable Diseases 3 hrs
HEA 311 Epidemiology 3 hrs
NTN 333 Nutrition Through the Lifecycle 3 hrs
HEA 356 Health Promotion & Programming 3 hrs
EXS 400 Res Design & Stats for Allied Health 3 hrs
HEA 415 Comm Tech for Healthcare Providers 3 hrs
HEA 460 Human Sexuality 3 hrs
HEA 470 Education for Drug Abuse Prevention 3 hrs
NTN 412 Community Nutrition & Health 3 hrs
HEA 499 Professional Exp in Community Health 6 hrs

Select one of the following Tracks:

Healthcare Administration Track 27 hrs
COM 380 Organizational Communication 3 hrs
COM 439 Conflict in Communication 3 hrs
HCA 395 Cultural Diversity in Healthcare Org. 3 hrs
HCA 401 Overview Healthcare Delivery Sys 3 hrs
HCA 405 Hospital & Health Services Admin 3 hrs
HCA 410 Health Care Planning 3 hrs
HCA 415 Financial Aspects Health Service Org. 3 hrs
PSY 310 Health Psychology 3 hrs
SWK 348 Technology in Human Services 3 hrs

Nonprofit Leadership Track 27 hrs
COM 340 Intercultural Communication 3 hrs
COM 380 Organizational Communication 3 hrs
MGT 350 Fundamentals of Management 3 hrs
MGT 550 Human Resource Management 3 hrs
MKT 360 Principles of Marketing 3 hrs
REC 302 Special Event Management 3 hrs
YNL 351 Leadership & Support Systems in Ser Org 3 hrs
YNL 485 Seminar on Leadership Develop 3 hrs
YNL 502 Workshop in Financial Resource Dev. 3 hrs

Program Requirements
Students must achieve and maintain an overall GPA of 2.50 and an area GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Students must earn a grade of C or better in Community Health core courses to successfully complete the program. Additionally, a grade of B or better in MAT 140 (or higher) and a grade of C or better in BIO 101 and CHE 105 or CHE 111 is required for program completion.

Students with a grade below a C in Community Health core courses and/or a grade of B in MAT 140 (or higher) and a grade below C in BIO 101 and CHE 105 or CHE 111 may not continue with the Community Health Program progression and must retake the course(s) the next semester offered.

Department approval is required to transfer in HEA 110, 200, 210, 301, 311, 356, 415, 460, 470, and 499 from other institutions.

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