



Population Health Certificate

An Online, Full-time, One-year Professional Certificate Program—Part-time Program Also Available (12 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The health care service delivery landscape is rapidly transforming, and new competencies are required for clinicians to effectively navigate and succeed in this ever changing health delivery environment. Health systems across the nation are confronting the realities of rising costs, inefficiencies in systems and poor health outcomes. Population health is a broad approach that can be used to respond to these challenges, and aims to address disease and injury prevention with approaches that engage communities and populations through integration of public health and clinical practices.

There is increasing demand for health professionals that can navigate the ever changing and complex healthcare landscape. The Population Health Certificate prepares individuals with the skills to examine and respond to the challenges and opportunities to improve health within and across populations. It is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation in the essentials of delivering effective population health across the continuum of care. This program is structured to guide health care professionals, or health professions students seeking to transform or create sustainable models of care from a population health perspective.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission
- Unofficial transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution (3.0 minimum GPA)
- One letter of reference from academic advisors, professors, supervisors, mentors, or person familiar with the applicant's academic and/or professional ability. A faculty letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged
- Resume/C.V.
- A 250-word letter of interest, stating the applicant's reasons for wanting the certificate and their relevant work experience
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>

Upload all documents to your [Shenandoah Admissions Self-Service Center](#)

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
PH 502	Population Health for the Health Professions	3
PH 505	Sociocultural Aspects of Public Health	3
PH 515	Principles of Epidemiology	3
PH 520	Health Policy & Management	3
Total		12

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Admissions

START TERM: Fall and Spring

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Fall: August 1

Spring: December 3

Completed applications reviewed regularly

MINIMUM GPA: 3.0 cumulative

PREREQUISITES: Bachelor's Degree or higher

GRE: Not Required

CAMPUS: Online

Applying to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process by going to www.su.edu/phapp.

Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at www.naces.org and <http://aice-eval.org/>.

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DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Shenandoah University's Division of Public Health (SUPH) offers an innovative online graduate Population Health Certificate program. At Shenandoah University, the online program format allows students the flexibility to earn this certificate from any location and engage with students and faculty who have a shared drive and passion for making a difference.

POPULATION HEALTH CURRICULUM

Shenandoah University's Population Health Certificate program is delivered entirely online. Students will attend classes and learn in an online environment that will be engaging and interactive. The online learning model requires students to be highly motivated, active, independent, and self-directed learners. Students are expected to think critically and act professionally in the application of course materials to real-world health problems.

This program will provide students with an opportunity to analyze current health problems from a variety of interdisciplinary and interprofessional viewpoints. The program provides coursework opportunities for students to obtain broad knowledge and basic skills in public health. The Population Health Certificate program provides a foundation in population health training, and earned certificate credit may be used towards completion of the MPH degree at Shenandoah University.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Population health is a dynamic, diverse, and growing field where practitioners work from a myriad of disciplines and approaches to improve the health and lives of people. Practitioners work together to address the root causes of complex and multi-faceted health problems in order to develop practical, sustainable, and cost-effective solutions.

The current employment outlook for health professionals is strong and growing annually. The demand for health professionals continues to rise in response to increasing domestic and international health concerns such as: growing problems with chronic diseases, potential pandemics, air and water quality issues, workplace safety, and more. As these health concerns continue to impact the health of our populations, the need for a trained health force to respond to these issues persists

WHO IS THIS DESIGNED FOR?

The population health certificate is uniquely designed for current and/or aspiring health care professionals to attain training in key areas of population health. It is designed to meet the needs of current clinicians, while being accessible, affordable and attainable through the online learning environment.