The 15-Credit Public Health Preparedness Certificate can help you build the knowledge and skills needed to respond to public health disasters and emergency situations. Courses provide a public health foundation in surveillance, recognition, health education, evaluation and control of agents and preparedness, response and recovery principles.

The Public Health Preparedness Certificate is Intended for:

- Health department employees;
- Public health workers who respond to disaster and emergency situations;
- Those interested in a public health career; and
- Health professionals who wish to enhance their knowledge of public health preparedness concepts.

Program Design

The schedule for completing the Public Health Preparedness Certificate is flexible. You can complete the program in two-three semesters, if desired, or you can plan a schedule for completing the five courses over a two-year period (the maximum timeframe.) The evening schedule makes it convenient for you to continue working or gain experience while earning your Public Health Preparedness Certificate. The Certificate courses may also be applied toward a MPH at the Rutgers School of Public Health. (Certificate holders must still apply and be admitted to the MPH program.)

Cost

Tuition is governed by Rutgers University and is subject to change annually. Please visit http://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions to confirm current tuition rates and fees.

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CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS (15 credits)

PHCO 0502 - Principles and Methods of Epidemiology (3 cr.)
PHCO 0503 - Introduction to Environmental Health (3 cr.)
PHCO 0505 - Health Education and Behavioral Science in Public Health (3 cr.)
ENOH 0696 - Public Health Preparedness II: Emergency Management and Response (3 cr.)
ENOH 0697 - Public Health Preparedness I: Agents of Mass Injury or Destruction (3 cr.)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have:

- Completed an accredited undergraduate program in the U.S. or its equivalent; and
- Demonstrated superior academic achievement in an appropriate discipline.

Applicants must submit:

- Application for Admission;
- Official Transcripts of all prior work;
- Letter of Intent, including statement of purpose for application to the program;
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation; and
- Application Fee.

International applicants must submit:

- TOEFL scores and WES evaluations.

Note: If undergraduate GPA is less than 2.86, the GRE may be required.

Graduates of CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health may transfer up to six (6) credits towards a certificate program if earned within the past seven years with a grade of B or better and are deemed appropriate by the respective Certificate Program Coordinator.

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