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# URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE

*Improve Public Health in Urban Areas with a Focus on Increasing Equity and Reducing Disparities*

## ABOUT

The 12-Credit Urban Public Health Certificate will provide the knowledge and skills needed to advance the health and well-being of diverse, dynamic urban populations in New Jersey, the United States, and the world. With a focus on the inequities that lead to disparities, students will examine how the characteristics of the urban environment can affect health and well-being. Courses explore structures and systems that contribute to public health, current theories for understanding how to influence community health, and the most relevant health issues facing urban areas in New Jersey, the United States and global contexts.

The **Urban Public Health Certificate** is intended for:

- Employees of non-profit organizations and state and local health departments
- Health care professionals, such as clinicians
- Those working in the private sector
- Those interested in learning about urban public health

## PROGRAM DESIGN

You can complete the Urban Public Health Certificate in two to three semesters or you can plan a schedule for completing the courses over a two-year period (*maximum timeframe*). The late afternoon/evening schedule makes it convenient to continue working or gain experience while earning your Urban Public Health Certificate.

Depending on the degree program and concentration, certificate courses may also be applied toward a degree at the Rutgers School of Public Health. Certificate holders must apply and be admitted to the degree program.

**CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS** (12 credits) *Courses are available in-person, remote and/or online, varying by semester and course.*

- **PHCO 0502** - Principles and Methods of Epidemiology (3 cr.)
- **PHCO 0503** - Introduction to Environmental Health (3 cr.)
- **UGPH 0621** - Public Health and Health Disparities (3 cr.)
- **UGPH 0680** - Urban Public Health (3 cr.)

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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The school has several research centers and works closely with Rutgers University institutes:

- Center for Public Health Workforce Development
- Center for Health, Identity, Behavior & Prevention Studies
- Center on Gun Violence Research
- Cancer Health Equity Center of Excellence
- Center for South Asian Quantitative Health & Education
- Institute for Nicotine & Tobacco Studies
- Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute
- Institute for Health, Healthcare, Policy and Aging Research
- Rutgers Cancer Institute
- ...and more

“ THE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDES SKILLS IN QUALITATIVE RESEARCH AND SURVEY METHODS, WHICH ARE HEAVILY USED IN CREATING AND EVALUATING PROGRAMS AND UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE ON HEALTH INEQUITIES. THE FACULTY IN THE PROGRAM ARE INVOLVED IN IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH, INCLUDING THE EFFECTS OF DISCRIMINATION ON HEALTH STATUS, GUN VIOLENCE, AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE.

*Dr. Leslie Kantor, Chair, Department of Urban-Global Public Health*

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Applicants must have:

- ▶ Completed an accredited undergraduate program in the U.S. or its equivalent
- ▶ Demonstrated 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
- ▶ Application fee

### International applicants must submit:

- ▶ TOEFL scores and WES evaluations

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## COST

Tuition is governed by Rutgers University and is subject to change without notice. Please visit the [Rutgers School of Public Health's Tuition & Fees webpage](https://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/tuition-fees) (<https://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/tuition-fees>) to confirm current tuition rates and fees.

Gainful Employment information can be found [here](https://sph.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/2023-03/Gainful-Employment-disclosure.pdf) (<https://sph.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/2023-03/Gainful-Employment-disclosure.pdf>)

## Rutgers School of Public Health

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