**Degree(s)**
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in public health
- Accelerated five-year Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in public health and Master of public health (M.P.H.)
- Minor in public health

**Program Overview**
A degree in public health provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to improve the health and wellness of populations and communities from an evidence-based framework, while addressing suffering related to disease, injuries and health disparities. Students explore why some communities are healthier than others, and the role of individual behavior, the environment, and social structures in determining health outcomes. This major is a perfect fit for those interested in service to others, health disparities and social justice.

Additional degree options include:
- **Accelerated Program:**
  High achieving students may apply to this competitive program during their junior year of study. This accelerated program allows students to earn a B.S. in public health in four years and a Master of public health (M.P.H.) with just one additional year of study.

- **Pre-Med Track:**
  Students interested in going to medical school can combine traditional pre-med requirements with public health courses.

- **Medical Scholars Track:**
  Incoming freshman have the opportunity to apply for the Medical Scholars Program, an competitive opportunity for those who aspire to attend medical school.

- **Honors Courses:**
  Students in the SLU Honors Program can elect to take honors sections of major and core classes.

- **Minor:**
  Public health is an interdisciplinary field, so a minor in public health is an excellent choice for students pursuing other majors who would still like to expand their knowledge of the subject.

**About the Faculty**
Classes for the Public Health major are taught by the same faculty as SLU’s Master of public health (M.P.H.) program. Our faculty have an open-door policy and value being able to provide mentoring and other out-of-class learning opportunities. Students also have many chances to interact with both faculty and students across undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs.

**Curriculum**
The curriculum for the B.S. in public health includes liberal arts, science and 33 credit hours of public health courses. This major is a great fit for students interested in health and service learning.

Course offerings include:
- **PUBH 2100:** Introduction to Global Health introduces students to the basic concepts of public health, including its philosophy, mission and values, and it begins to explore global health trends such as epidemic responses and funding mechanisms.

- **PUBH 3100:** Public Health and Social Justice explores the ethical issues of health, including resource allocation, priority setting and human rights, and it evokes thoughts on both personal and institutional responses to issues of health and social justice.

- **PUBH 4100:** Biological Basics of Public Health builds an understanding of the biological factors of humans and microorganisms and other issues that shape the foundation of public health.

- **HMP 1300:** Contemporary Challenges in Health Care serves as an introduction to the U.S. health care system and encourages students to develop creative solutions to the current challenges facing the health care system.

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**Graduate Programs**
+ Master of public health with nine concentrations
For a full listing of graduate programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.
Admission Requirements
Freshman: All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

Internships and Careers
Although degree credit is not given for internships, students are encouraged and assisted by faculty to participate in internships to further enhance their learning experiences at Saint Louis University. Many local and national organizations are eager to involve SLU students studying public health in their work.

The B.S. in public health at Saint Louis University prepares students for entry-level careers with health care nonprofits such as the American Cancer Society, community health organizations, and city and state departments of health. The B.S./M.P.H. option prepares students for mid-level careers with similar organizations as well as research groups within academic institutions, national public health organizations and management within clinical care settings.

Career options in public health include:
+ Working as an epidemiologist for the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to track communicable diseases.
+ Working for a non-governmental organization that designs clean water and sanitation systems in developing countries.
+ Analyzing and developing health policy for a governmental agency or department at the national level.
+ Collaborating with school districts to bring opportunities for physical activity into elementary and high schools.
+ Designing media campaigns to encourage wearing a seatbelt or discourage the use of tobacco.
+ Researching the effect of air pollution on a population’s health.
+ Implementing programs aimed at violence prevention or women’s empowerment.
+ Studying the barriers to healthy eating at both the personal and societal levels.
+ Designing and implementing surveillance systems regarding disease monitoring.

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