

Bachelor of Science in Education in Community Health

The **Community Health** program prepares students for health-related careers in county, state and federal health departments, non-profit agencies, private ventures or agencies focusing on health promotion, corporate wellness, crisis intervention, drug/alcohol recovery, adoption, services for the elderly. In addition to general education requirements, the program includes major requirements, a complementary minor, and a 14 credit hour internship (40 hours a week for 14 weeks).

Incoming Freshman Students: Students can be admitted into the Community Health or PE Plus program as freshmen if they meet KU's assured admission standards and declare Community Health or PE Plus as their major.

Incoming Transfer Students: Students can be admitted into Community Health or PE Plus as transfer students if they are admitted to KU, declare Community Health or PE Plus as their major, and meet the following criteria:

- A KU + Transfer Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75

Current KU Students: Students can be admitted into Community Health or PE Plus as current KU students if they meet the following criteria:

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Students that do not meet the requirements above can petition through the online [SOEHS Admission Petition form](https://soehs.ku.edu/events-resources/forms-documents/). (<https://soehs.ku.edu/events-resources/forms-documents/>)

For information about initial admission to KU, visit the Office of Admissions (<https://admissions.ku.edu/>). Visit the Office of International Support Services (<https://iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Primary responsibility for meeting graduation requirements rests with the student.

- Complete an approved program with a minimum of 120 credit hours of course work. At least 30 hours must be taken in residence.
- A 2.75 minimum KU + Transfer cumulative grade-point average for all academic coursework, including transfer hours.
- Minimum grades in some specific designated Physical Education Plus courses.
- Other general regulations of the School and University, including KU Core Goal requirements.
- Successful completion of student teaching and/or internship with a grade of C- or higher.

Requirements to begin student teaching and/or internship:

- A minimum KU + Transfer Cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 with no grade lower than a C- in any course in professional education.

- All program requirements except student teaching and internship must be completed before student teaching and internship.
- Continued demonstration throughout the program of professional dispositions as evaluated by program faculty each semester.

Additional Graduation requirements for Community Health

- Students presenting current certification in lieu of HSES 248 must take an additional two hours of course credit. Acceptable certifications: American Red Cross courses – Standard First Aid with CPR/AED OR Aid – Responding to Emergencies with CPR/AED. Please see SOEHS advisor for additional certification criteria.

Community Health Admission

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Graduation Requirements

- All courses must be completed for graduation (at least 120 hours)
- A KU + Transfer Cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required for graduation

Program Requirements

The Community Health program offers a wide selection of elective options so that students can maximize their program experience. Those interested primarily in Community Engagement, which emphasizes health education, health promotion, community outreach and community partnerships, are encouraged to explore our approved minor options. The minor provides students with application-based and service-oriented opportunities to engage with communities and their needs. Complimentary to this, those interested in Pre-Clinical work, which promotes bringing a community health lens to the clinical setting, are encouraged to explore our alternative elective options. This tailors the 18-credit hours of electives nicely for students interested in entering professions such as medicine, dentistry, and rehabilitation science so that they can promote health education, community health, and culturally mindful care within their practices as future health professionals.

1. Code	Title	Hours
General Education		
COMS 130	Public Speaking (Core 34: Communications (SGE)) ⁰²⁰	3

BIOL 100	Principles of Biology (Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE)) ⁰⁴⁰	3	BIOL 503	Immunology	3
BIOL 102	Principles of Biology Laboratory (Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE)) ⁰⁴⁰	1	BIOL 546	Mammalian Physiology	3
Program Course Requirements			BIOL 547	Mammalian Physiology Laboratory	2
HSES 279	Introduction to Community Health	3	BIOL 600	Introductory Biochemistry, Lectures	3
HSES 330	Principles of Nutrition and Health	3	BSCI 600	Biochemistry	3
LDST 200	Introduction to Leadership Studies and Applications	3	CHEM 110	Introductory Chemistry	5
COMS 246	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3	CHEM 130	General Chemistry I	5
	or COMS 342 Problem Solving in Teams and Groups		CHEM 135	General Chemistry II	5
BIOL 240	Fundamentals of Human Anatomy	3	CHEM 170	Chemistry for the Chemical Sciences I	5
BIOL 246	Principles of Human Physiology	3	CHEM 175	Chemistry for the Chemical Sciences II	5
GEOG 201	Culture and Health	3	CHEM 190	Foundations of Chemistry I, Honors	3
	or AAAS 203 Culture and Health		CHEM 191	Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory, Honors	2
	or GIST 210 Culture and Health		CHEM 195	Foundations of Chemistry II, Honors	3
HSES 403	Health Behavior Theory	3	CHEM 196	Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory, Honors	2
HSES 466	Program Planning in Health Education	3	CHEM 330	Organic Chemistry I	3
HSES 467	Foundations of Health Education	3	CHEM 331	Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	2
JMC 315	Health and Science Communication	3	CHEM 335	Organic Chemistry II	3
HSES 465	Program Assessment and Evaluation	3	CHEM 336	Organic Chemistry II Laboratory	2
HSES 405	Fundamentals of Writing in Community and Public Health Professions		CHEM 380	Organic Chemistry I, Honors	3
HSES 415	Current Issues in Community Health	3	CHEM 385	Organic Chemistry II, Honors	3
HSES 489	Health and Human Sexuality	3	CLSX 332	Medical Terminology: Greek and Latin Roots ⁵	3
HSES 310	Research and Data Analysis in Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences	3	HEIM 230	Medical Terminology ⁵	3
	or MATH 365 Elementary Statistics		HSES 369	Kinesiology	3
	or PSYC 210 Statistics in Psychological Research		HSES 370	Health and Pathophysiology	3
HSES 365	Peer Health Education	3	HSES 371	Medical Terminology for Health Professionals ⁵	3
HSES 578	Health Internship Seminar ¹	2	HSES 372	Exercise Physiology	3
			HSES 470	Biomechanics	3
Capstone Course			LA&S 372	Preparing for Programs in the Health Professions	3
HSES 580	Internship in: _____ (Community Health) ²	14	MATH 115	Calculus I	3
Select 18 credit hours from the following list of electives and minors⁴			PHSX 114	College Physics I	4
ABSC 160	Introduction to Child Behavior and Development ³	3	PHSX 115	College Physics II	4
BIOL 150	Principles of Molecular and Cellular Biology	3	PHSX 211	General Physics I	4
BIOL 151	Principles of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Honors	3	PHSX 212	General Physics II	3
BIOL 152	Principles of Organismal Biology	3	PHSX 213	General Physics I Honors	4
BIOL 153	Principles of Organismal Biology, Honors	3	PHSX 214	General Physics II Honors	4
BIOL 154	Introductory Biology Lab for STEM Majors	2	PHSX 216	General Physics I Laboratory	1
BIOL 200	Basic Microbiology	3	PHSX 236	General Physics II Laboratory	1
BIOL 203	Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	2	PSYC 333	Child Development ³	3
BIOL/CLS 210	Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1	PSYC 350	Psychological Disorders	3
BIOL 241	Human Anatomy Observation Laboratory	2	PSYC 351	Psychological Disorders, Honors	3
BIOL 247	Principles of Human Physiology Laboratory	2	PSYC/ABSC	Human Development	3
BIOL 350	Principles of Genetics	4	250		
BIOL 360	Principles of Genetics, Honors	4	RESP 200	Introduction to Respiratory Therapy	1
BIOL 400	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3	SOC 424	Sociology of Health and Medicine	3
BIOL 401	Fundamentals of Microbiology, Honors	4			
BIOL 402	Fundamentals of Microbiology Laboratory	2			

The following minor programs are approved: African American Studies (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/african-studies/minor/#requirementstext>); Environmental Studies (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/environmental-studies/minor/#requirementstext>); Global and International Studies (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/global-international-studies/global-international-studies-minor/#requirementstext>); Healthcare Management; Nutrition (<https://catalog.ku.edu/professional-studies/>)

nutrition-minor/#minorrequirementstext); Psychology (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/psychology/minor-psychology/#requirementstext>); Spanish (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/spanish-portuguese/spanish-minor/#minorrequirementstext>); Sociology (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/minor/#requirementstext>); Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/women-gender-sexuality-studies/minor-womens-studies/#requirementstext>).⁶

- ¹ Must have a grade of a "C" or higher.
- ² **All coursework must be completed before the internship is approved.** A 2.75 KU + Transfer Cumulative GPA is required before one can apply for the internship. Internship students are required to be present at the internship site a minimum of 560 hours across the 16-week semester - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- ³ Only one child development course may count toward 18 credit hour requirement.
- ⁴ Courses used to satisfy KU Core 34 requirement may **not** count toward 18 credit hour requirement.
- ⁵ Only one medical terminology course may count toward 18 credit hour requirement
- ⁶ Any listed minor may be declared and completed as 18 elective credit hours OR taken as individual courses toward the 18 required elective hours.

This is a sample plan of study. Students should consult with their academic advisor to create an individualized plan for degree completion.

Year 1		
Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (Core 34: English (SGE)) ^{010**}	3 ENGL 102 (Core 34: English (SGE)) ^{010**}	3
MATH 101 (Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE)) ^{030*}	3 COMS 130 (Core 34: Communications (SGE)) ^{020***}	3
PSYC 104 (Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE)) ^{050**}	3 LDST 200	3
HSES 260	3 HSES 330	3
BIOL 100 (Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE)) ^{040***}	3 Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3
BIOL 102 (Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE)) ^{040***}	1	
16		15

Year 2		
Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
BIOL 240	3 SOC 104 (Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE)) ^{050**}	3
COMS 246 or 342	3 PHIL 160 (Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE)) ^{060**}	3
AAAS 203, GEOG 201, or GIST 210	3 BIOL 246	3
Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3

Required Minor Course/Pre-Health Elective ¹	3 Required Minor Course/Pre-Health Elective ¹	3
15		15

Year 3		
Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
HSES 403	3 HSES 308	3
HSES 466	3 HSES 465	3
HSES 467	3 HSES 489	3
JMC 315	3 Required Minor Course/Pre-Health Elective ¹	3
Required Minor Course/Pre-Health Elective ¹	3 Required Minor Course/Pre-Health Elective ¹	3
15		15

Year 4		
Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
HSES 310, MATH 365, or PSYC 210	3 HSES 580 (Capstone)	14
HSES 365	3	
HSES 418	3	
HSES 578	2	
Required Minor Course/Pre-Health Elective ¹	3	
Elective course	1	
15		14

Total Hours 120

¹ See list of possible minors on the Degree Requirements (p. 1) page.

Notes:

* - This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

** - This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

*** - This course is a Required Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This program is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to require this specific Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. If a student did not take this course it must be taken in addition to other degree requirements.