Program Description

Faculty within the Department of Public Health are committed to producing world class public health professionals to work in the United States and globally to improve health, prevent disease, reduce health disparities, and enhance quality of life through education, scholarship, and service.

Admission Requirements

The program requires formal application for admission to the University of Illinois at Springfield (accompanied by official transcripts) followed by review of the application by faculty of the Department of Public Health. The department faculty will provide academic advising to certificate students.

Individuals who have bachelor’s degrees from accredited colleges and universities are eligible to apply to the certificate programs. A background in the biological sciences demonstrated by transcript credit of at least three semester hours is required, along with a strong science background desirable. Admission will be based on a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale, or a 2.75 or better with documentation of substantial professional experience in the field of the certificate.

Individuals wanting to apply the certificate work to a graduate degree in public health must also meet all entrance requirements for degree study.
Students completing this certificate will be able to apply theoretical foundations of health education to communicate effectively with various audiences in the community. The certificate requires successful completion of course work in each of these areas:

MPH 441: Human Well Being (4)
MPH 506: Research Methods in Public Health (4)
MPH 508: Program Evaluation for Public Health (4)
MPH 531: Public Health Policy (4)
MPH 561: Public Health Education (4)