BS/BA Public Health Studies
OHSU-PSU School of Public Health

All baccalaureate students in Public Health Studies must attain the following core competencies:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of basic concepts, analyses, methods and evidenced based approaches, health systems, and other aspects of public health
2. Identify population health challenges including social, behavioral, biological, environmental and other factors that impact human health and contribute to health inequities and inequalities
3. Comprehend the science of human health and disease including opportunities for promoting and protecting health across the lifespan

Students in the Community Health Promotion track will learn to:

1. Describe the factors that influence human health and health inequities in the global and environmental context
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts of ethical, legal, economic, and regulatory dimensions of health care and public health policy
3. Apply fundamental concepts and features of program implementation including planning, assessment and evaluation
4. Examine the role of communications in public health, including effective and appropriate messaging and strategies for individuals, the public, policymakers and other stakeholder groups

Students in the Healthy Aging track will learn to:

1. Identify the physiological and psychological health issues of aging
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the social and economic aspects of aging
3. Apply knowledge of aging to the administration of aging services and long-term care programs

Students in the School Health Educator track will learn to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of evidence based educational strategies
2. Develop health curricula for middle and high school students

Students in the Clinical Health Science track will learn to:

1. Distinguish the role public health plays in the health of individuals and the population

Students in the Health Services Administration track will learn to:
1. Identify the primary elements and issues related to the organization, financing, and delivery of the continuum of health services in the United States
2. Understand relevant theories and practices for effective management practice in entry-level positions
3. Describe organizational needs in the design and development of operational plans for health programs and services.