

# Bachelor of Science in Public Health

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long the **Bachelor of Science in Public Health** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through UofSC Beaufort.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits and courses necessary to complete the major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina Beaufort and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

## Prepare for Your Future

The University of South Carolina Beaufort's Bachelor of Science in Public Health prepares students for the multidisciplinary field of practice concerned with designing, implementing, and evaluating interventions that enable individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities to play active roles in achieving, protecting and sustaining the public's health.

## Why should I complete a bachelor's degree in public health?

A variety of career paths for those holding a bachelor's degree in public health are available, including applying skills in schools, hospitals, health care facilities, work places, communities, government and non-profit organizations worldwide. Graduates can also become health educators or community education specialists. As society continues to recognize the benefits of maintaining health, career opportunities are expected to grow.

## Why should I complete a degree online from UofSC Beaufort through Palmetto College?

The programs are developed and taught by the same professors who teach statewide in the nationally renowned UofSC system. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to the university's academic resources. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university!

## For More Information

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“Public Health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, communities, and individuals.”

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Health educators work in all areas of healthcare, from public and private community health organizations to government agencies to educational venues to community-based prevention clinics.

## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- 45-60 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Completion of the following courses:
  - Composition
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  - Math
  - Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication
  - Natural Science with a Lab
  - Anatomy and Physiology I and II
  - Social or Behavioral Science
  - Fine Arts

## Curriculum

Our public health program is grounded in the seven areas of responsibility for health educators as identified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

**The curriculum includes coursework in the following disciplines:**

- Health Promotion and Education - **21 credit hours**
- Epidemiology - **3 credit hours**
- Research and Field Experience - **6 credit hours**
- Internship & Evaluation - **7 credit hours**
- Leadership and Management - **3 credit hours**
- Program Development & Evaluation - **6 credit hours**