Graduate Certificate: Public Health Law Research

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Learn more about the graduate certificate in Public Health Law Research.

About the Certificate

Students interested in the role law and policy may play on health, well-being and equity can pursue the Public Health Law Research graduate certificate. This interdisciplinary certificate focuses on providing foundational training in public health law practice and research methods. This field of research generates evidence that can inform policy initiatives to advance health and well-being.

To advance health through policy initiatives, it is important that there be sound evidence on which to act. Students who complete the certificate program can demonstrate the integration of behavioral and organizational theory with a law or policy; describe the mechanism behind a law or policy; and systematically evaluate the law or policy at the level of individual provisions, rather than just a holistic view.

The transcripted Public Health Law Research graduate certificate is offered in a fully online format advancing the goals of current graduate and doctoral students both within and outside Temple University in a variety of disciplines, from lawyers and public health practitioners to criminologists, historians, sociologists and others that value health, well-being and equity. The certificate requires four courses taught in partnership nationally by faculty at the Beasley School of Law and the College of Public Health.

Time Limit for Certificate Completion: 2 years

Campus Location: Online

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The graduate certificate may be completed on a part-time basis.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: The certificate program is not open to non-matriculated graduate students.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:
Fall, Spring and Summer admissions are on a rolling basis. Interested students should contact the College of Public Health for permission to enroll in coursework.

All applicants to the Public Health Law Research certificate must apply via the Centralized Application Service for Public Health (SOPHAS). The system can be accessed at https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/.

Applicants should check their application status on the SOPHAS portal often and inquire directly of SOPHAS about receipt of materials. For other questions, please contact the CPH Office of Admissions at cph@temple.edu or 215-204-5200.

Bachelor’s Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree.

Laptop: All incoming students in the College of Public Health are required to have a laptop. Academic programs in the college are technology intensive. They incorporate statistical and database analyses; utilize specialized tools for athletic training, kinesiology and physical therapy; stream audio and video for communication sciences; facilitate online interactive counseling for social work; and foster clinical experiences and online assessments. The laptop requirement enables the College of Public Health to improve opportunities for active learning and provide greater access to specialized software and required tools in and out of the classroom, better preparing students for the workforce. Learn more about device specifications and suggested vendors. Students can use excess financial aid (i.e., funds that are reimbursed after all tuition and fees are paid) to meet student needs, including the purchase of a laptop. Scholarships may also provide funding.

Certificate Requirements

Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 12

Required Courses:

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**Total Credit Hours**: 12

For course information in the Beasley School of Law, see [https://www.law.temple.edu/resources/student-services/course-registration/schedules-and-descriptions/](https://www.law.temple.edu/resources/student-services/course-registration/schedules-and-descriptions/).

**GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate**: 2.7 minimum

**Culminating Event**: Public Health Research Project

The culminating experience for the Public Health Law Research graduate certificate is an independent project (HPM 9991) to evaluate a law or policy of the student's choice and communicate the findings.

**Contacts**

**Certificate Program Web Address:**


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[https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/](https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/)

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