

# Graduate Certificate: Public Health Preparedness and Response

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## COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Learn more about the graduate certificate in Public Health Preparedness and Response.

### About the Certificate

Public health and emergency preparedness are considered central concepts in regional, national, and global public health and emergency management agencies and systems. To prevent and respond to future public health emergencies, including outbreaks, epidemics, and pandemics, the number of public health professionals with training in public health preparedness and emergency response needs to increase. To prepare students for employment in this field, the College of Public Health's graduate certificate in Public Health Preparedness and Response (PHPR) provides students with training in bioethics, cultural sensitivity, emergency preparedness, health equity, outbreak response, public health surveillance, and vulnerable populations. Students learn to identify and respond to public health threats with a focus on outbreaks and epidemics and leave the program with the skills required to work with public health agencies to make effective decisions in responding to emergencies and mitigating risk. Courses in the PHPR certificate program provide a risk-assessment and decision-making framework for students' graduate study and a foundation for a career in public health leadership.

**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:** Students are permitted to take up to 9 credits of coursework before matriculation. If a student is accepted into the certificate program, those courses may be applied toward the requirements. Matriculation is required to earn the certificate.

### Admission Requirements and Deadlines

#### Application Deadline:

*Fall and Spring* admissions are on a rolling basis. Students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program in Temple University's College of Public Health or in another Temple school or college are welcome to apply to the PHPR graduate certificate program. For more information on how to apply, interested applicants should contact Theresa White, Senior Academic Advisor, at [theresawhite@temple.edu](mailto:theresawhite@temple.edu) or 215-204-5105.

Students not currently enrolled in a Temple University graduate program apply at <https://sophasexpress.liasoncas.com/>.

**Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline:** Applicants already admitted to a graduate degree program at Temple University have demonstrated that they possess the required bachelor's degree. Applicants not currently enrolled in a Temple University graduate degree program and applicants enrolled in a graduate degree program at another university must submit official transcripts for all coursework taken since high school, whether or not a degree was earned from the institution(s). Evidence of the award of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale must be shown.

**Additional Requirements for Students Not Currently Enrolled in a Temple University Graduate Degree Program:** Submit these additional materials:

- One or two letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the applicant's academic ability and accomplishments
- A personal statement of approximately 250 words indicating relevant experience and future professional goals with regard to PHPR
- Current resume or CV

### Certificate Requirements

*Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate:* 12

*Required Courses:*

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
EPBI 5205	Surveillance, Epidemics and Outbreaks	3
EPBI 5206	Risk Assessment and Preparedness Decision Making	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two from the following:		6

BIOL 5128	Genomics and Infectious Disease Dynamics
EPBI 8206	Infectious Disease Epidemiology
EPBI 8209	Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS
GUS 5069	GIS for Health Data Analysis
HIM 5127	Privacy and Security: Protecting Healthcare Data
HPM 8015	Public Health Policy and Legal Issues
SBS 5009	Risk Communication and Public Health
SBS 8105	Health Communication
SSWG 8303	Dynamics of Health, Health Care, and Health Systems

**Total Credit Hours**

**12**

**GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate:** 3.0 minimum

## Contacts

### Certificate Program Web Address:

<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/public-health-preparedness-and-response-certificate-graduate-hp-pbpr-grad>

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### Submission Address for Application Materials for Students Not Currently Enrolled in a Temple University Graduate Program:

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