

The Family Health certificate prepares students to incorporate families as a pathway to improving population health through programs, policies, and research. Students will be equipped to (1) apply family theories to public health settings, (2) conduct family impact assessments of programs and policies to examine the effects of public health interventions on families, and (3) identify and utilize appropriate and effective methods to engage families in intervention planning, implementation, and evaluation. Students will receive a certificate from the Department of Public Health. Completion of certificates is *not* noted on academic transcripts.

### **Eligibility**

Only matriculated Master of Public Health (MPH) students at Brigham Young University are eligible for a family health certificate.

### **Requirements**

Students must complete 18 credits (4 classes plus field experience) in order to earn the Family Health certificate.

Course <sup>a, b, c</sup>	Title	Credits
<i>Complete the following course:</i>		
HLTH 688R	Field Experience	6
<i>Complete 12.0 credits from the following course(s):</i>		
HLTH 603R	Special Topics in Public Health (up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate)	3
HLTH 691R	Mentored Research (up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate)	3
HLTH 696R	Independent Studies (up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate)	3
MFHD 605	Structural Equation Modeling in Social Sciences	3
MFHD 645	Religion and Family	3
SFL 400	Addiction, Recovery, Healing in Marriage and Families	3
SOC 360	Introduction to Family Sociology	3
Students may also select from the following courses to complete their remaining 9.0 credits, but these courses have prerequisites or require instructor approval: MFHD 514, SFL 331, SFL 333, SFL 334, SFL 335, SFL 460, SFL 461, SFL 489, and SOC 450		
Total		18

<sup>a</sup> MPH students can count up to 10.0 credits of 300/400 level courses toward their MPH degree, but not more than 10.0 credits. Only one 300 level course may be counted. Students must petition to Graduate Studies for approval to count a 300-level course.

<sup>b</sup> If any listed course(s) were taken as part of an undergraduate degree, then students must substitute the course(s) with another approved elective.

<sup>c</sup> Changes to certificate course requirements must be approved by the Family Health certificate lead and MPH Director, Dr. Ali Crandall.

### **Field Experience and “R” Courses Requirements**

Students need to complete a field experience (HLTH 688R) in family health as approved by their graduate faculty advisor.

Students choosing to complete HLTH 603R – Special Topics in Public Health, HLTH 691R – Mentored Research, and/or HLTH 696R – Independent Studies as an elective(s) are required to focus on family health topics, readings, research, or studies.