

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 (12 credits of coursework plus 6-credit field experience) in order to earn the Family Health certificate.

Course ^{a, b, c}	Title	Credits
<i>Complete the following course:</i>		
HLTH 688R	Field Experience	6
<i>Select any 12.0 credits from the following courses: (at least 6.0 credits must come from Group A; the remaining 6.0 credits may come from Group A or B)</i>		
Group A		
HLTH 691R	Mentored Research (<i>up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate – must be research in a family health area</i>)	3
HLTH 696R	Independent Studies (<i>up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate – must be research in a family health area</i>)	3
MFHD 645	Religion and Family	3
SOC 360	Introduction to Family Sociology	3
HLTH 450	Women’s Health Issues	3
The following courses are a part of Group A; these courses have prerequisites or require instructor approval (many professors will give approval to graduate students)		
SFL 331	Infant Development in the Family	3
SFL 333	Adolescent Development in the Family and Other Social Contexts	3
SFL 334	Adult Development and Aging in the Family	3
SFL 460	Advanced Family Processes	3
SFL 461	The Family and the Law	3
SFL 489	The Family and Public Policy	3
MFHD 514	Theories of Human Development and Family Science	3
SOC 450	The Family and Social Change	3
Group B		
HLTH 603R	Special Topics in Public Health (<i>up to 3 credits can counted for the certificate</i>)	3
MFHD 605	Structural Equation Modeling in Social Sciences	3
MPA 608	Project Management	3
MPA 621	Public and Nonprofit Budgeting	
MSB 334	Grant Writing	2
COMMS 602	Qualitative Research Methods	3

HLTH 482	Medical Geography (prerequisite STAT 121) – must do a project focused on a family issue	3
Total		18

^a MPH students can count up to 9.0 credits of 300/400 level courses toward their MPH degree, but not more than 9.0 credits. Only one 300 level course may be counted. Students must petition to Graduate Studies for approval to count a 300-level course.

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

^c Changes to certificate course requirements must be approved by the Family Health certificate lead, Dr. Ali Crandall, and the MPH director.

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.