

<p>THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER WASHINGTON DC</p>	<p>School of Public Health and Health Services</p> <p>Graduate Certificate Long Term Care 2009-2010</p> <p>http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/</p>
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Admissions Requirements

All SPHHS Master's degree applicants, current SPHHS graduate students, and alumni have a unique opportunity to add a Graduate Certificate to their degree. The graduate certificate is tailored to meet the needs of the professional public health provider. While each certificate is grounded in one of the traditional areas of public health practice, it remains flexible to assure sufficient exposure to academic course work in emerging and innovative areas such as public health communications, global health, emergency responsiveness and others.

Combining the Master's degree in one of our academic departments with a Graduate Certificate in another department uniquely positions graduates for careers that require both breadth and depth of knowledge and skills in public health and health services. Graduate Certificate programs are also open to applicants with a Master's degree or higher who may wish to gain knowledge and skills in public health or health services. Applicants without Master's degrees (e.g. Public Health Nursing, RN) may be eligible depending upon their professional experience in public health.


The Graduate Certificate is tailored to the individual's professional goals. An advisor is assigned to each student to develop the Program of Study.

Admissions requirements and application procedures for the Graduate Certificate programs are identical to those of the Master's degree programs. Please see this website: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/admissions/gradadmis.cfm>

Requirements for Receiving the Graduate Certificate

1. Graduate Credit Requirement. 18 graduate credits are required.
2. The Program Director/Advisor must pre-approve all course selections and course sequencing by developing a "program of study" prior to the student's initial registration. Graduate Certificate students meet with their advisor each semester before registration. All changes in this program of study must be pre-approved by the Program Director/Advisor.
3. Course Requirements. Since most graduate certificate students are currently enrolled in an MPH program or have previously earned a graduate degree, most course credits will be selected from the program-specific course list. Under no circumstances may a certificate student enroll in fewer than 9 credits of program-specific courses.
4. Grade Point Requirement. A 3.0 (B average) overall grade point average or better is required.

5. **Time Limit Requirement.** The certificate must be completed within 2 years.
6. **Transfer Credit Policy.** The Program Director/Advisor may approve up to 4 graduate credits that have not been applied to a previous graduate degree to be transferred to the graduate certificate. The course(s) must be relevant to the graduate certificate. Credits must have been earned in the last 3 years from an accredited institution with a grade point of 3.0 or better.

		School of Public Health and Health Services Graduate Certificate Long Term Care 2009-2010 Program-at-a-Glance		
Required Courses		Credits	Semester Offered	Grade
HSML 203	Introduction to Health Management	2	Fall, Spring, Summer 2	
HSML 207	Health Services Information Applications	2	Fall, Spring	
HSML 216	Human Resources Management and Organizational Behavior	2	Fall, Spring	
HSML 236	Aging and Disability: Needs and Services	3	Fall	
HSML 237	Managing the Skilled Nursing Facility	3	Fall	
Electives	Sample list below. Topics vary from semester to semester.	6 total	Advisor's Approval	
PubH 379	Health Promotion and Aging	2	Advisor's Approval	
HSML 290	Special Topics – Current Issues in Federal Long Term Care	2	Advisor's Approval	
PubH 209	Special Topics – Alzheimer's Care: Policy and Practice	1	Advisor's Approval	
PubH 209	Special Topics – Long Term Care Finance	1	Advisor's Approval	

Course descriptions can be found on the SPHHS website at:
<http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/coursesregistration/gradcourses/>