

Public Health

Degree Type

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Admission Requirements

General Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Note: Not all Online Program offerings are available to residents of all U.S. states. Please contact an admissions representative for further information.

To be admitted to any of the undergraduate programs at South University, the prospective student must provide proof of high school graduation as recognized by the state of residence on the date the degree was earned, or the equivalent (e.g. GED with no single test score below 145 or numeric score equivalent to 2.0 on old version or state-issued certificate designated as the equivalent of a High School Diploma) with a minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale within 5 weeks of the start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance). The prospective student must also complete the university administered placement tests prior to the start of the first quarter for campus students and during the first session of attendance for online students. South University accepts the International Baccalaureate Program diploma as meeting the requirement for high school graduation. Credentials earned outside the United States must be evaluated by a NACES or AICE-member credential evaluation service. Please speak with an admissions representative for more information.

Students with less than the minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may meet admissions requirements by submitting a minimum combined SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math) score of 700 or 900 on the old SAT, a combined ACT score of 18, or meet the criteria established for acceptance as a transfer student.

Students with less than the minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may be admitted provisionally for two quarters. Failure to achieve a 1.5 CGPA in the first two quarters of attendance will result in dismissal. Students may appeal the dismissal by following the Procedures for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal Policy.

Acceptable verification of high school graduation or the equivalent would include a copy of the high school diploma, high school transcript (official or unofficial), GED certificate, or GED scores and state-authorized examination scores (ex. HiSET, TASC) or a state-issued certificate designated as the equivalent of a high school diploma. In states that maintain a database that serves as an official registry of high school and GED graduates, an excerpt from the official database documenting the student's graduation or GED completion may be used.

Campuses in South Carolina must be provided with official high school transcripts or GED scores or state-issued certificates designated as the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Please see the policy on GPA Calculation for Admission for additional information

Conditional Acceptance

Students may be conditionally accepted by submitting unofficial copies of documentation required for the admission requirements. Conditional acceptance is allowed for 5 weeks beyond the start of the student's first session. Failure to provide acceptable, official documentation, as stated in the admissions requirements, within 5 weeks from the start date will result in the following:

- Removal from class

- Cancellation of enrollment
- No final course grades
- No transcript

Students who do not provide acceptable documents for full, unconditional acceptance within the 5 week period will not be responsible for tuition and related fees. South University may grant exceptions to the 5 week period for unusual situations or circumstances. All exceptions must be submitted to the Office of the University Registrar for approval.

Admission of Transfer Students

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To be eligible for admission, transfer students must complete the application procedures and satisfy the following criteria:

1. Submit a completed application for admission.
2. Have earned 24 or more credit hours, or the equivalent (e.g. 16 semester hours), with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 from an acceptable accredited collegiate institution.
3. Submit official transcripts (including verifiable faxed transcripts) from all colleges and universities attended.
4. Submit self-certification of high school graduation or GED completion.

For transfer of credit practices refer to the applicable section under the [Academic Affairs](#) section of this catalog.

To be admitted as a Transfer student into South University the prospective student must have earned 24 or more quarter credit hours or the equivalent (e.g. 16 semester hours), with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 from an acceptable accredited collegiate institution. Official transcripts from the collegiate institution(s) must be received within 5 weeks of the start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance), and who are not required to take ENG0099 and/or MAT0099, will be exempt from taking the UVC1000 Strategies for Success. Students will select another 4 credit course in consultation with their Academic Advisor or Academic Counselor to fulfill the degree requirements.

Students with 24 or more quarter credits with less than a 2.0 GPA may be admitted provisionally for two quarters. Failure to achieve a 1.5 GPA in the first two quarters of attendance will result in dismissal. Students may appeal the dismissal by following the Procedures for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal Policy.

Students who are citizens of countries other than the United States should refer to the section entitled International Student Admissions Policy.

Students who are transferring from or to a school within the University of North Carolina or the North Carolina Community College System should be aware of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement approved by both governing Boards on March 1, 1996 and revised in September of 2008. This agreement may be found in its entirety at the following [website](#).

For additional admissions information please see the admissions section [here](#).

Program Overview and Outcomes

Offered at Austin, Columbia, Montgomery, Online Programs, Orlando, Richmond, Savannah, Tampa, Virginia Beach and West Palm Beach.

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The Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and practical skills required of a public health professional and advocate for population health. The curriculum is designed to provide a broad general education, strong foundation in the human health and disease sciences, and core areas of public health. The curriculum aligns with the competencies expected of a public health practitioner by providing courses in health communication, health disparities, legal and ethical issues, management of public health systems, and policy and research. Students develop the ability to apply core concepts to assess the health needs of diverse populations at the local, national and international levels, plan and evaluate programs, and communicate and advocate health promotion. Graduates are prepared to contribute to delivery of the essential services of public health in health agencies at the government or community-based level and in the private sector, continue to learn throughout their professional careers, and to pursue graduate study in public health and the health sciences.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates should be able to:

1. Explain the philosophy and essential services of public health at the local, state, national and global level.
2. Demonstrate the ability to apply, evaluate and synthesize public health information including evidence-based practice and approaches.
3. Compare governmental and non-governmental healthcare systems and public health initiatives in the United States and globally.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of health disparities and determinants of health in both healthcare settings and the community.
5. Formulate approaches to planning, assessing, implementing and evaluating public health programs

Bachelor of Science in Public Health: 182 Credits

Area I General Education Requirements: 68 Credits

Professional Development

Course Code	Title	Credits
ITS1000	Computer and Internet Literacy	4.0
UVC1000	Strategies for Success	4.0

Basic Communications

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG1100	Composition I	4.0
ENG1200	Composition II	4.0

Choose one additional course from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
COM2006	Interpersonal Communication	4.0
SPC1026	Public Speaking	4.0

Mathematics and Statistics

Course Code	Title	Credits
MAT1001	College Algebra I	4.0
MAT1005	College Algebra II	4.0
MAT2058	Statistics	4.0

Natural Sciences

Course Code	Title	Credits
	BIO1011 and BIO1012	6
BIO1011	Anatomy and Physiology I	4.0
BIO1012	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	2.0
	BIO1013 and BIO1014	6
BIO1013	Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
BIO1014	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	2.0

Arts and Humanities

Course Code	Title	Credits
HUM1200	Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	4.0

Choose two additional courses from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG2002	World Literature I: From the Ancient World to the Middle Ages	4.0
ENG2003	World Literature II: From Enlightenment to Modernity	4.0
ENG2011	Introduction to American Literature: 1865 to present	4.0
HIS1101	U.S. History I: Colonial to 1865	4.0
HIS1102	U.S. History II: 1865 to Present	4.0
HUM1001	History of Art through the Middle Ages	4.0
HUM1002	History of Art from the Middle Ages to Modern Times	4.0
HUM2101	World Civilization I: Prehistory to 1500 C.E.	4.0
HUM2102	World Civilization II: 1500 to Present	4.0
PHI2301	Introduction to Philosophy	4.0
REL1001	World Religions	4.0

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Course Code	Title	Credits
ECO2071	Principles of Microeconomics	4.0
PSY1001	General Psychology	4.0
SOC1001	Introduction to Sociology	4.0

Area II Major Foundation Requirements: 16 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
AHS1001	Medical Terminology	4.0
CHM1010	General Chemistry	4.0
NTR2050	Nutrition	4.0
PSY2022	Human Growth and Development	4.0

Area III Major Requirements: 98 Credits

Core

Course Code	Title	Credits
BIO1020	Biology I	4.0
BIO2015	Human Pathophysiology	4.0
	BIO2070 and BIO2071 or BIO2073	6
BIO2070	Microbiology	4.0
BIO2071	Microbiology Lab	2.0
BIO2073	Microbiology Laboratory	2.0
BIO3344	Principles of Genetics	4.0
HCM2005	Healthcare Delivery and Organization	4.0
HSC2010	Medical Sociology	4.0
HSC3002	Environmental Health	4.0
HSC4010	Epidemiology and Disease Control	4.0
HSC4021	Health Promotion and Wellness	4.0
HSC4040	Emergency and Disaster Management	4.0
PHE2001	Introduction to Public Health	4.0
PHE3001	Legal and Ethical Issues in Public Health	4.0
PHE3025	Research Methods in Public Health	4.0
PHE3050	Public Health Policy	4.0
PHE3070	Medical and Public Health Informatics	4.0
PHE4015	Introduction to Global Health	4.0
PHE4030	Foundation of Health Communication	4.0
PHE4055	Public Health Planning and Evaluation	4.0
PHE4070	Management and Administration of Public Health Systems	4.0
PHE4120	Health Disparities and Minority Health	4.0
PHE4200	Capstone in Public Health	4.0

Elective Pool (16 credits):

Transfer students may transfer any course to help fulfill the elective pool requirements, provided the course meets the standards of the Credit for Transcribed and Non-transcribed Work policy found in the Academic Affairs section of this catalog.

Non-transfer students, with their advisor's consultation and approval may choose courses from any department recommended and listed course or more broadly from any course offered by South University. Work from other fields must include any required prerequisite courses in the elective field.

A course can be used to meet only one requirement in Area I, Area II, or Area III, but not simultaneously in two areas. Students should work with their academic advisor or counselor to be sure they are making appropriate course choices.

Course Code	Title	Credits
BIO1020	Biology I	4.0
BUS2023	Business Communications	4.0
HCM3006	Healthcare Marketing and Strategy	4.0
HCM3008	Health Information Management Systems	4.0
HSC3004	Complementary and Alternative Health	4.0
HCM3020	Managed Care	4.0
HCM3030	Federal and State Healthcare Programs	4.0
HSC4000	Contemporary Issues in Aging	4.0
HSC4030	Women and Minority Health Issues	4.0
UVC4000	Career Exploration Seminar	4.0
Total Credits		226