Weeklong Undergraduate Public Health Workshop
“Exploring Careers in Public Health”

Course Description

WHO: Undergraduate students from Nebraska colleges and universities interested in learning about the multidisciplinary world of public health
WHAT: Interactive presentations from public health practice community, UNMC faculty, staff & students
WHERE: University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health, Omaha
WHEN: Starts late afternoon of second Sunday each May and runs through 1pm on the following Friday (5.5 days)
WHY: To learn about exciting career opportunities in public health while earning optional one credit hour toward your degree program
HOW: Complete web-based application form and submit all required documentation by March 1st.

UNMC PROVIDES
- interactive week-long program focused around graduate education and careers in public health
- lodging (double occupancy) at an Omaha hotel with shuttle services to UNMC
- transportation to public health practice sites on field day
- most meals
- faculty and staff with qualified academic credentials
- interactive curriculum designed around cross cutting public health concepts
- all classroom materials

UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION PROVIDES
- advising to students interested in participating in public health workshop
- optional 1 hour course credit offering*
- assistance with registration and collection of tuition from students *
*STUDENTS MUST VERIFY WITH THEIR UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR THAT REGISTRATION FOR CREDIT IS AVAILABLE

STUDENT PROVIDES
- transportation to and from Omaha
- *optional* tuition and fees for 1 hour credit (paid to undergraduate institution*)
  *STUDENTS MUST VERIFY WITH THEIR UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR THAT REGISTRATION FOR CREDIT IS AVAILABLE
- timely notification to their undergraduate advisor regarding their application submission (if registering for credit).
- active participation and commitment to satisfactorily complete program requirements

https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/rhen
Program Curricula, General Content, and Structure

Curriculum Designed Around Cross Cutting Public Health Concepts*:
(Interactive presentations and hands-on activities take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.)

- advocacy for protection and promotion of the public’s health at all levels of society
- policy implications on population health outcomes
- environmental, biological, and societal influences on health outcomes
- community dynamics
- critical thinking and creativity
- cultural contexts in which public health professionals work
- ethical decision making as related to the self and society
- independent work and a personal work ethic
- networking
- organizational dynamics
- professionalism
- research methods
- presentation skills
- systems thinking
- teamwork and leadership
- career services advising
- programs of study available in public health

Additional Activities*:

- visits to public health practice sites
- student research projects; students form into groups, conduct literature reviews, and develop a poster presentation with the guidance of UNMC, College of Public Health graduate student content advisors. Group poster presentations to workshop peers, content advisors, UNMC students & faculty take place on Friday morning prior to presentation of certificates for course completion.

Aims*:

- To introduce students to cross cutting public health concepts.
- To provide field exposure and to familiarize students to the public health practice community.
- To foster concepts and experiences necessary for success in the workplace, further education, and life-long learning.