INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Injury and Violence Prevention

OVERVIEW
Injury encompasses the undesirable consequences of a wide array of events, including crashes during transport, drowning, poisoning, falls, fires and burns, and intentional causes such as self-harm, homicide, and assault. An increasing recognition of the personal and societal costs of injury has resulted in the establishment of offices and programs especially dedicated to the prevention and control of injury within state and local health departments, as well as at the national level. There is a pressing need for public health professionals with specialized training in the prevention, analysis, and control of intentional and unintentional injuries.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of the Certificate in Injury and Violence Prevention, consistent with the core competencies for the field, the student will:

1. Be able to describe and explain the importance of injury and/or violence as a major public health problem;
2. Be able to access, interpret, use, and present injury and/or violence data;
3. Be able to use problem-solving methodology to identify and develop appropriate intervention strategies;
4. Be able to evaluate injury and/or violence prevention activities;
5. Have demonstrated ability to develop, synthesize, and apply this knowledge by compiling an integrated program plan to address an injury and/or problem of interest to them;
6. Be able to stimulate change related to injury and/or violence prevention through policy, enforcement, advocacy, and education;
7. Be able to disseminate information on injury and/or violence prevention to the community, policymakers, leaders, and other key stakeholders, through diverse communication networks;
8. Have acquired in-depth knowledge, skills, and best practices necessary to address at least one specific injury and/or violence prevention topic and one type of intervention strategy.

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ADMISSIONS PROCESS
All applicants must review the General Certificate Guidelines page (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/certificates/#newitemtext), which provides important information about how to apply to a certificate program.

APPLYING TO THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AS A JHU GRADUATE STUDENT
Students already enrolled in a graduate program at JHU are not required to submit the School’s electronic admissions application, but must submit declaration of intent (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/certificates/injury-and-violence-prevention/injury_intent_form.pdf) prior to start. Priority deadline to submit intent is October 1; Final deadline to submit intent is December 1

Start terms: It is possible to begin the certificate program only in these terms: 1, 2, & 3.

APPLYING TO THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AS A NON-DEGREE STUDENT
Students who are not currently enrolled in a graduate program at JHU are required to apply to certificate programs using SOPHAS Express (https://sophasesxpress.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login). All non-degree applicants should review the general Certificates Admissions (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/certificates/#newitemtext) page for instructions on how to apply to a certificate program and application deadlines.

Start terms: It is possible to begin the certificate program only in these terms: 1 & 3.

TOEFL/IELTS: Not required.

Prerequisites or special requirements: None

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
In addition to the 3 required courses, students must complete at least 2 courses in a specific content area of injury and at least 2 courses related to 1 or more injury control strategies. Except for the Graduate Seminar, all required and elective courses must be taken for a letter grade; a minimum grade of C is required in all certificate coursework and students must maintain a 2.75 or better overall GPA for all certificate coursework. Students must successfully complete at least 20 credit hours among the required and elective courses.

The certificate program length is flexible; it varies from student to student, however, the certificate must be completed within three years.

The student should review the section of the website that addresses completion (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/certificates/#courserequirmentstext) before completing certificate program requirements. The student’s transcript will not indicate that the certificate was earned until the Notification of Completion has been submitted, verified by the certificate program, and processed by the Registrar.

COURSE OF STUDY
Students should check the JHSPH course directory (https://www.jhsph.edu/courses/) to confirm when the courses are offered, and should also check pre-requisites and whether instructors consent is required.
### Required Courses:

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<td>Academic &amp; Research Ethics at JHSPH (All students are required to complete this noncredit course in their first term of study)</td>
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- **PH.305.610** Issues in Injury and Violence Prevention 2
- or
- **PH.305.670** Principles and Practice of Injury Prevention 3
- or
- **PH.305.865** Advanced Seminar in Injury Prevention 2

*In addition to one of the courses listed above, students are required to complete the following course:*

- **PH.305.861** Graduate Seminar in Injury Research and Policy (students are required to complete 4 terms of this course) 1

*Students must complete two of these courses on specific injury problems*

- **PH.221.612** Confronting the Burden of Injuries: A Global Perspective 3
- **PH.301.627** Understanding and Preventing Violence 3
- **PH.305.615** Occupation Injury Prevention and Safety Policy and Practice 2
- **PH.305.630** Transportation Policy and Health 2
- **PH.330.640** Childhood Victimization: A Public Health Perspective 3
- **PH.330.674** Suicide As A Public Health Problem 3

*Students must complete two of the courses listed below in injury control methods:*

- **PH.300.712** Formulating Policy: Strategies and Systems of Policymaking in the 21st Century 3
- **PH.301.645** Health Advocacy 3
- **PH.306.650** Public Health and the Law 3
- **PH.317.600** Introduction to the Risk Sciences and Public Policy 4
- **PH.410.620** Program Planning for Health Behavior Change 3
- **PH.410.625** Injury and Violence Prevention: Behavior Change Strategies 2
- **PH.410.630** Implementation and Sustainability of Community-Based Health Programs 3
- **PH.410.650** Introduction to Persuasive Communications: Theories and Practice 4
- **PH.410.651** Health Literacy: Challenges and Strategies for Effective Communication 3
- **PH.410.663** Media Advocacy and Public Health: Theory and Practice 3

*Recommended courses:*

- **PH.221.631** Evaluation Methods for Injury Interventions 3
- **PH.300.713** Research and Evaluation Methods for Health Policy (Please read course description carefully for course requirements) 3
- **PH.305.684** Health Impact Assessment 3