

PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH, CERTIFICATE

Public Mental Health Research Certificate Program OVERVIEW

This program is offered through the Department of Mental Health and provides graduate training in understanding the causes and consequences of mental disorders in populations. Courses describe clinical and behavioral features, the incidence and prevalence of disorders, and identify factors that promote or influence the occurrence, persistence, or severity of mental and behavioral disorders. Effective research strategies in public mental health include the operationalization of case definitions, measurement in populations, design of prevention strategies, and analytical techniques. The goals are to increase the epidemiologic expertise of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals and to increase the number of epidemiologists, biostatisticians, and health policymakers, with an interest in psychiatric disorders.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this certificate program, students will have enhanced understanding of the complex field of research in public mental health. After completing core and elective courses, students will be able to:

1. Understand and discuss the organization of diagnoses of mental disorders used in clinical and public health settings, as well as the available modalities for measuring the diagnoses in populations;
2. Realize and discuss the burden of mental disorders in the global population;
3. Recognize and describe the wide range of social and biological etiologic factors related to mental disorders;
4. Evaluate methods of prevention and treatment for mental disorders;
5. Be able to describe the system of treatment for mental disorders in the United States and around the world.

ADMISSIONS

Contact information and complete certificate program admissions information are available on the certificate program page (<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/academics/public-mental-health-research-certificate-program/>) on the BSPH website.

Sponsoring Department

Department of Mental Health (<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/departments/mental-health/>)

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

This certificate program consists of a minimum of 20 credits in the Department of Mental Health (17 credits for psychiatrists and clinical psychologists who elect to waive 330.617; permission to do so must be granted by the faculty sponsor). All required and elective courses must be taken for a letter grade unless the course is only offered Pass/Fail; 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. The certificate program length is flexible; however, the certificate program must be completed within three years.

Tuition, application fee, and book costs are subject to change from one academic year to another academic year. The student should review the section of the website that addresses completion (<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/academics/certificate-programs/requirements-for-successful-completion-of-a-certificate-program/>) 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 BSPH course directory (<https://www.jhsph.edu/courses/>) to confirm when courses are offered.

Code	Title	Credits
PH.550.860	Academic & Research Ethics at BSPH (All students are required to complete this online noncredit course in their first term of study)	

Required Courses

Students are required to complete 330.617 and 330.620

PH.330.617	Psychopathology for Public Health (Note: Psychopathology for Public Health may be waived by psychiatrists and clinical psychologists, upon permission of the faculty sponsor; in which case, the minimum number of credits in the Department of Mental Health is 17, not 20. Course is typically offered online in 1st term)	3
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PH.330.662	Public Mental Health	2
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Students are required to take 330.661 and either 330.603 or 330.669

PH.330.603	Psychiatric Epidemiology (typically offered onsite in 2nd term and online in 3rd term every other year. Note: either 330.603 or 330.669 may be taken, but not both)	3
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PH.330.669	Epidemiology of Major Mental Disorders (typically offered online in Summer Institute)	2
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PH.330.661	Social, Psychological, and Developmental Processes in the Etiology of Mental Disorders (typically offered onsite in 3rd term)	3
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Students may take either 330.607 or 330.664

PH.330.607	PREVENTION of MENTAL DISORDERS: PUBLIC HEALTH InterVENTIONS (typically offered online in 3rd and 4th terms)	3
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PH.330.664	Introduction to Mental Health Services (typically offered onsite in 1st term)	3
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Elective Courses: Select additional courses from the Department of Mental Health totaling at least 6 more credits; 330.840 and 330.800 may not be used as electives towards this program. 20 credits total are required to complete the certificate program, except in the case of those students who were able to obtain approval to waive 330.617