



## Frequently Asked Questions Graduate Certificate in Public Health

### **If I don't have a 3.0 for the last 60 hours of my undergraduate coursework, can I still enroll in the Graduate Certificate in Public Health program?**

Yes it is possible. For specifics contact Dr. Kerry Redican ([kredican@vt.edu](mailto:kredican@vt.edu) and/or 540-231-5743) and he can discuss the options.

### **Are the 6 courses in the Certificate program completely online?**

Yes

### **Will I have to come to campus at any time?**

No

### **Can I come to campus in Blacksburg and receive my certificate at graduation?**

Yes – when you have completed the coursework you are welcome to come to wear the VT cap and gown, walk in graduation, have your name announced and receive the certificate at the regular graduation ceremonies.

### **How long does it take to complete the Graduate Certificate in Public Health?**

If a student takes two courses a semester, including summer it would take one year to complete the program. If a student takes one course a semester including summer it would take two years.

### **Will these courses transfer to another MPH program?**

Yes, they should transfer to another MPH program or a health-related program. Colleges and universities have different rules for transfer courses – for example some colleges will only let you transfer 12 credits some less some more.

### **Is the Virginia Tech Public Health Program accredited?**

Yes, we are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health

### **When are courses offered?**

See link on Certificate webpage to see when courses are offered

### **After I complete the Certificate can I take more courses and complete the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree?**

Yes and the coursework taken for the Certificate would transfer into the MPH program. It is the same coursework students take on campus. You would need to let Dr. Redican know you are interested in completing the MPH and he can talk with you about options.



**When should I apply?**

We have rolling admissions so you can apply anytime and when accepted can start the program at the beginning of the following semester. For example, if you are accepted in October you would start in January (Spring Semester); if you are accepted in summer you could start in August (Fall Semester); if you are accepted in March you could start in Summer.