Other academic programs offered by the Department of Population Health:

- Bilingual Health Care Studies, BA
- Health Care Administration, BS
- Health Sciences, BS
- Wellness Management, BS
- Minor in Health
BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Bachelor of Science in public health (BSPH) offers a comprehensive program designed to train health professionals to promote health and prevent disease.

Public health workers protect population health through activities such as improving access to health care, controlling infectious disease, epidemiology, biostatistics, behavioral health, and reducing environmental hazards, violence, and substance abuse. Public health professionals come from diverse educational backgrounds and can specialize in an array of fields in local, national, and international communities.

Through this program, you will acquire: an understanding of how public health services impact health at the state, national, and global levels; an appreciation of health as a global issue; skills in epidemiology and data surveillance for monitoring disease; strategies to assess population health needs; an awareness of and sensitivity to multicultural differences in health practices; ethical standards; leadership skills; strategies to influence public policy to meet the needs of diverse populations; and tools to implement and evaluate interventions to improve physical and mental health.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a grade of “C” or better in certain classes, including their internship preparation and internship courses.

Minor: A minor is not required for this degree. Rather, students will take 29 hours from a list of approved electives.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Once accepted, students may apply for relevant scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.

INTERNSHIPS

Public health majors may choose from a variety of health care organizations to complete a required 200-hour professional internship.