

# Major in Public Health: Emphasis 2: Health Administration

College of Health and Human Sciences  
Northern Illinois University

## Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students

Operating on the business side of health care, health administrators work in a dynamic and constantly changing environment with a strong human care dimension. They plan and coordinate departmental activities, develop policies and procedures, assure the quality of care, oversee patient services, and train and recruit employees. They may also participate in public relations activities such as fund-raising and public health planning and many other activities essential to the facility they serve. To be successful, health administrators must have excellent interpersonal and strong analytical skills, coupled with a solid understanding of both business and health care practices. As health care continues to evolve, health administrators must be prepared to deal with an increasingly complex regulatory environment as well as an increased focus on preventive care.

Through extensive classroom and hands-on experience, health administration students acquire the health care planning, information handling and business administration skills needed for a diverse and constantly changing field. Alumni are employed everywhere in health care including hospitals, health care management organizations, county health departments, nursing homes and health care accrediting agencies.

Because of the complexity of the problems public health professionals work to solve, students considering a career in [public health-health administration](#) need to have a background in the biological, mathematical and social sciences.

This transfer guide is designed as an advising tool to facilitate a smooth transition between institutions by identifying relevant course work recommended to be completed prior to transfer. Community college students are advised to also complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer and to consult the [NIU Articulation Handbook](#) for information regarding the transferability of courses. All students planning to transfer are advised to consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences for detailed information.

**Special Note:** Students who enter the public health program with the courses listed here and who have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree can usually expect to complete the NIU program in two years (including summer school).

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### Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer

ACCY 288 Fundamentals of Accounting (3)  
or ACCY 206, Introduction to Financial Accounting (3)  
and ACCY 207, Introductory Cost Management (3)

BIOS 104 General Biology (4)  
or BIOS 208, Fundamentals of Biology I (3) and BIOS 210, Fundamentals of Biology Laboratory (1)

BIOS 213 Introductory Bacteriology (3)  
or BIOS 313, Microbiology (4)

BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)

CHEM 110 Chemistry (3) and CHEM 111, Chemistry Laboratory (1)  
or CHEM 210, General Chemistry I (3) and CHEM 212, General Chemistry Laboratory I (1)

CSCI 205 Introduction to Computing (3),

ECON 260 Principles of Microeconomics (3)

MATH 210 Finite Mathematics (3),  
or MATH 229 Calculus I (4)

AHCD 318 Medical Terminology (3)

MGMT 217 Legal Environment of Business (3)

PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)

SOCI 170 Introduction to Sociology (3),  
or SOCI 260 Introduction to Social Psychology (3)

UBUS 223 Introduction to Business Statistics (3)  
or STAT 301 Elementary Statistics (4)

### Courses to be Completed at NIU

PHHE 295 Ecology of Health (3)

PHHE 441 Supervision in Health Care Facilities (1-3)

PHHE 455 Public Health Epidemiology (3)

PHHE 461 Principles of the Organization of Public Health and Health Care Programs (3)

PHHE 451 Economic Issues in Public Health (3)

PHHE 467 Public Health Research and Evaluation (3)

PHHE 469 Principles of Health Planning (3)

PHHE 453 Financial Management of Health Care Organizations (3)

PHHE 487 Public Health Pre-Practicum Seminar (1)

PHHE 489 Practicum in Public Health (1-6)

ENGL 250 Practical Writing (3)

FINA 320 Principles of Finance (3)  
or OMIS 338, Principles of Operations Management (3)

MGMT 333 Principles of Management (3)

MKTG 310 Principles of Marketing (3)

SOCI 356 Health, Aging, and Society (3)  
or SOCI 451 Medical Sociology (3),  
or SOCI 482 Sociology of Death and Dying (3)

Two of the following: PHHE 351, PHHE 402, PHHE 433, PHHE 437, PHHE 439

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<sup>1</sup> Based on requirements in the 2008/2009 *Undergraduate Catalog*

Specific information about admission requirements to Northern Illinois University and to programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences can be found in the current [NIU Undergraduate Catalog](#). Contact the Office of Admissions to obtain an application for admission. For additional information on programs in the college, contact [HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu](mailto:HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu)

- ❖ College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 752-7682
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
  - Clinical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
  - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
  - Physical Therapy (815) 753-1383
- ❖ School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (815) 753-6350
- ❖ School of Nursing and Health Studies
  - Nursing (815) 753-1231
  - Health Studies (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
- ❖ Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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