Undergraduate Entrance Requirements

Standards for admission to the College of Public Health and the intended health promotion major are the same as those for those admitted to the University.

The following admission criteria apply for the health promotion major:

- Completion of General Education Areas I-VI
- Overall grade point average (GPA) minimum of 2.7
- GPA in General Education Area I (Foundation skills) minimum of 2.7
- GPA in General Education Area II (Sciences) minimum of 2.7
- GPA in General Education Area VI (Courses related to program of study) minimum of 2.7 and no grade less than C (2.0). The area VI requirements are:
  - HPRB 1710
  - CBIO 2200/L
  - CBIO 2210/L
  - BIOS 2010
  - COMM 1100

For information on application procedures, see:
http://www.publichealth.uga.edu/hpb/admission/procedures

Career Opportunities

Students majoring in Health Promotion are prepared to work in a variety of settings. Such settings may include:

- Governmental agencies/ Public health
- Community agencies
- Corporate or worksite health promotion
- Clinical/ healthcare settings
- College/ university health promotion

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credentialing is available from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC). For more information, see:
http://www.nchec.org

Special Requirements

- A grade of C or better is required for all courses included in the Major Requirements, including major electives.
- A student must be certified in First Aid and CPR prior to the internship or the health services practicum. This requirement may be fulfilled through American Red Cross or American Heart Association classes.
- Application for HPRB 5560 (internship) must be completed by the midterm of the semester preceding the anticipated field experience. For example: a student that expects to do a field experience in Summer Semester should have completed an application by the mid-term of Spring Semester.
- It is recommended that all HPRB students compile and maintain a portfolio
documenting and exhibiting work or experiences gained throughout the undergraduate program including the practicums and field experiences.

**Field Experience in HPRB**

The student, in consultation with the practicum coordinator or the internship coordinator, arranges the required field experiences. While paid experiences can be found, they are rare. Paid field experiences should not be expected. See [http://www.uga.edu/publichealth/hpb/student/internship.html](http://www.uga.edu/publichealth/hpb/student/internship.html) for more information on the internship for the health promotion area of emphasis.

**Advisement**

Advisement is needed to ensure appropriate course sequencing. See [http://www.publichealth.uga.edu/hpb/academic-advising](http://www.publichealth.uga.edu/hpb/academic-advising) for more information.

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**Awards**

Three competitive awards are offered at the undergraduate level in the Department of Health Promotion and Behavior. A minimum overall and major GPA is required for each award and a standardized application process has been established. The deadline for these awards is the end of February annually. For more information contact the Undergraduate Coordinator at 706-542-4358.

All award applications packets should include the departmental cover sheet. See: [https://www.publichealth.uga.edu/hpb/sites/default/files/documents/Award_Application_Cover_Sheet.pdf](https://www.publichealth.uga.edu/hpb/sites/default/files/documents/Award_Application_Cover_Sheet.pdf)

- Bernard Ramsey Outstanding Senior Undergraduate Major Award
- Undergraduate Recognition Award
- Service Award