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UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

## Graduate Programs in Public Health

Committed to the development of outstanding  
public health professionals



# Welcome to **UNE**

The University of New England (UNE) is Maine's largest private university. UNE is an innovative educational community with two distinctive coastal Maine campuses and a vibrant campus in Tangier, Morocco with a robust offering of 100% online degree and certificate programs. UNE attracts internationally recognized scholars in the health sciences, life sciences, business, education, social sciences, and the humanities.

UNE is home to Maine's only medical and dental schools — part of our comprehensive health education mission built on a pioneering interprofessional approach that also includes pharmacy, nursing, and an array of allied health professions. UNE offers a uniquely interdisciplinary academic environment with an emphasis on global engagement and hands-on learning experiences.

As a community, UNE is committed to nurturing well-rounded scholars and professionals who can adapt, prosper, and lead in a rapidly evolving world.



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# Why UNE Online?

The University of New England holds a firm commitment to excellence in online education. Through the College of Graduate and Professional studies, UNE Online is an innovative and established leader in the online learning community. Our combination of student support, expert faculty, advanced technology and high-quality course content ensures that the education received by our online students is unparalleled.

## THE UNE ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM:

- Is flexible and convenient, providing 24/7 access to course materials.
- Enables student-centered teaching, allowing you to engage in ways that best suit your learning style.
- Encourages student interaction and increases instructor accessibility.
- Facilitates learning through interaction with a global and diverse population of students and faculty.
- Encourages continuous connection of academic knowledge to real-world scenarios through course assignments that are practical and applied.

## ONLINE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- No campus visits required – 100% online.
- Learn anytime from anywhere.
- No GRE required.
- Choose from our customizable generalist track or focus your degree in epidemiology.
- Renowned faculty of practitioners, researchers and educators.
- Strong networking forum.
- Career-oriented curriculum that prepares you for work.
- Regionally accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).
- Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).



# Graduate Programs in Public Health Vision & Mission

## VISION

Our graduates will build healthier global communities through informed and collaborative public health practice.

## MISSION

The Graduate Programs in Public Health are globally accessible programs committed to improving the health and well-being of communities through education, research, and service using a scholar-practitioner model.

## EDUCATION GOALS

- Enroll and support qualified and diverse students.
- Cultivate a learning environment that values diversity and cultural competence.
- Ensure all graduates possess the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for public health practice.
- Recruit, retain, and support qualified instructors.

## RESEARCH GOALS

- Sustain a scholarly research agenda to advance the field of public health.
- Support scientific inquiry among students.
- Support a collaborative scholarly environment for students and faculty.

## SERVICE GOALS

- Facilitate student and faculty participation in service activities with a public health focus.
- Identify and support workforce development needs.

## CORE VALUES

- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Cultural competency
- Diversity
- Integrity
- Transparency
- Service





# Accreditation & Recognition

Accreditation is the review of the quality of educational institutions and programs. In the United States, accreditation is a key measure used to identify institutions and programs that provide a high quality education.

## NEW ENGLAND COMMISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The University of New England is regionally accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). NECHE is the federally-recognized regional accreditor for the six New England States, and was formerly known as the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education for NEASC. Regional accreditation is generally intended for non-profit academic schools (public or private), whereas national accreditation is generally for for-profit schools that offer vocational, career, or technical programs. Regional accreditation bodies tend to be older, more prestigious, and their standards are typically more stringent than national accreditation bodies.

## PROUD MEMBER OF ASPPH



## COUNCIL ON EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is an independent agency recognized by the US Department of Education to accredit schools of public health and public health programs offered in settings other than schools of public health. The University of New England's public health program became accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health in 2011.



# Graduate Programs in Public Health

## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

The Master of Public Health degree is a 100% online, 46-credit graduate program designed to enhance your skills in a variety of public health areas. This convenient and flexible generalist degree program, focused on public health practice, provides students with the basic knowledge, skills and values to gain employment or get promoted in the burgeoning field of public health. The 46-credit Master of Public Health consists of:

### 9 CORE COURSES (27 CREDITS)

The 9 core courses that all MPH students are required to complete provide a strong foundational knowledge for you to build upon as you progress through the program and your career in public health.

### APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE (APE) (3 CREDITS)

The APE is an opportunity to acquire 'real world' public health experience, apply concepts learned in class to actual projects, and explore different public health settings. Learn more about it here.

## INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCE (ILE)

The ILE consists of a 1 credit planning course and a 3 credit project course. Students have three project course options to choose from; GPH 751 Advanced Policy Analysis, GPH 752 Advanced Research Methods, or GPH 753 Advanced Program Evaluation. The student will create a high-quality written document that synthesizes public health concepts reflecting competencies established by the program and The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

## 4 ELECTIVE COURSES

- **Generalist Track:** Students select 4 elective courses to design their degree to align with their individual public health career ambitions.
- **Epidemiology Focus Area:** This focus area is a convenient way for you to specialize your MPH degree in epidemiology. Students who choose to focus in epidemiology select 3 epidemiology electives and 1 general elective. (In lieu of selecting a general elective, students can choose to take a fourth epidemiology elective.) Keep reading to learn more about whether our epidemiology focus area may be a good fit for you.



## REQUIRED COURSES - 31 CREDITS

<b>GPH 714</b>	Principles of Public Health	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 712</b>	Principles of Epidemiology	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 716</b>	Biostatistics	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 719</b>	Research Methods	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 726</b>	Social and Behavioral Health	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 738</b>	Program Planning and Evaluation	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 702</b>	An Interprofessional Approach to Policy & Advocacy	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 706</b>	Public Health Administration	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 722</b>	Introduction to Environmental Health	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 743</b>	Applied Practice Experience	(3 credits)

## INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCE (ILE)

<b>GPH 744</b>	ILE Planning Course	(1 Credit)
<b>GPH ---</b>	ILE Project Course <i>(Choose 1 from the list below)</i>	
<b>GPH 751</b>	Advanced Policy Analysis	(3 Credits)
<b>GPH 752</b>	Advanced Research Methods	(3 Credits)
<b>GPH 753</b>	Advanced Program Evaluation	(3 Credits)

## ELECTIVE COURSES (CHOOSE 4)

<b>GPH 704</b>	Public Health Law and Ethics	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 707</b>	Public Health Policy: Theories and Methods	(3 credits)
<b>HCA 709</b>	Emergency Management	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 713</b>	Infectious Disease Epidemiology	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 717</b>	Applied Epidemiology	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 718</b>	Biostatistics II	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 721</b>	Foundations of Maternal and Child Health	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 724</b>	Occupational Health	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 725</b>	Public Health Financial Management	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 727</b>	Grant Writing	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 729</b>	Health Education Design	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 732</b>	Community Assessment	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 733</b>	Health Informatics	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 734</b>	The Obesity Epidemic	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 740</b>	Global Health	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 795</b>	Independent / Directed Study	(3 credits)

 Epidemiology Focus Area Courses

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

UNE's 100% online, 18-credit hour Graduate Certificate in Public Health provides students with the core public health concepts they need to either enhance their professional knowledge or to pursue a graduate degree in the field. All certificate program courses are transferable to UNE's Master of Public Health program.

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM

<b>GPH 714</b>	Principles of Public Health	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 712</b>	Principles of Epidemiology	(3 credits)
<b>GPH 716</b>	Biostatistics	(3 credits)
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*My MPH degree at  
UNE really changed my  
mind on the career path  
I've chosen, and truly  
opened my eyes to being  
able to really use public  
health to affect change  
in multiple people.*

**- Alexandro Daviano  
MPH '14**



# Admissions

## WHAT THIS PROGRAM LOOKS FOR IN AN APPLICANT

Applicants from all undergraduate majors and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Public health is a highly interdisciplinary field, and our programs are designed to benefit recent graduates, career changers, and those who are already working in the public health field.

Successful students appreciate the role of public health in building healthy and equitable communities and gain the skills and knowledge to pursue opportunities in a wide variety of public health settings.

Strong applicants display a solid mix of quantitative, writing, and critical thinking skills. Work, volunteering, research, and/or internship experience relevant to public health and health equity are valued during the review process, but not required. We take a holistic approach to reviewing applications.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- **Bachelor's degree or above** from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university, or its equivalent.
  - See International Admissions for details regarding the evaluation of international degrees for grade and degree equivalency.
- **Successful completion of an undergraduate degree**, typically defined by a 3.0 cumulative GPA, or better. However, applications are reviewed holistically as a determination of academic readiness.
- **Computer with an internet connection**, including the hardware and software requirements described on the Technical Requirements page. Must also possess sufficient computer skills to navigate the internet as all classes are accessed 100% online.

# Resources & Support

The University of New England is committed to student success, and we understand that success is directly related to the overall student experience. Therefore, we believe a successful student is a supported student. To that end, we offer our online students a variety of academic, technical, and administrative support to assist you on your academic journey.

## STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

A student support specialist is assigned to every individual student who enters the social work program in order to ensure their success. From the moment a student enters the program, their support specialist is by their side answering any questions, providing access to all of the resources that UNE has to offer, ultimately guiding them from registration through graduation.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

In addition to your student support specialist, you will also be assigned an academic advisor who has both teaching and administrative responsibilities within the program. Your advisor can help you with selecting electives to support your individual goals, professional mentoring, brainstorming career options, and more.

## RESEARCH AND TRAINING

UNE has established a variety of venues intended to advance research and training in public health. These efforts facilitate student and faculty collaboration, as well as a multidisciplinary approach that allows for meaningful participation in the generation of new knowledge. For a list of the research initiatives and training resources specific to our graduate programs in public health, visit:

<https://online.une.edu/public-health/research-and-training>

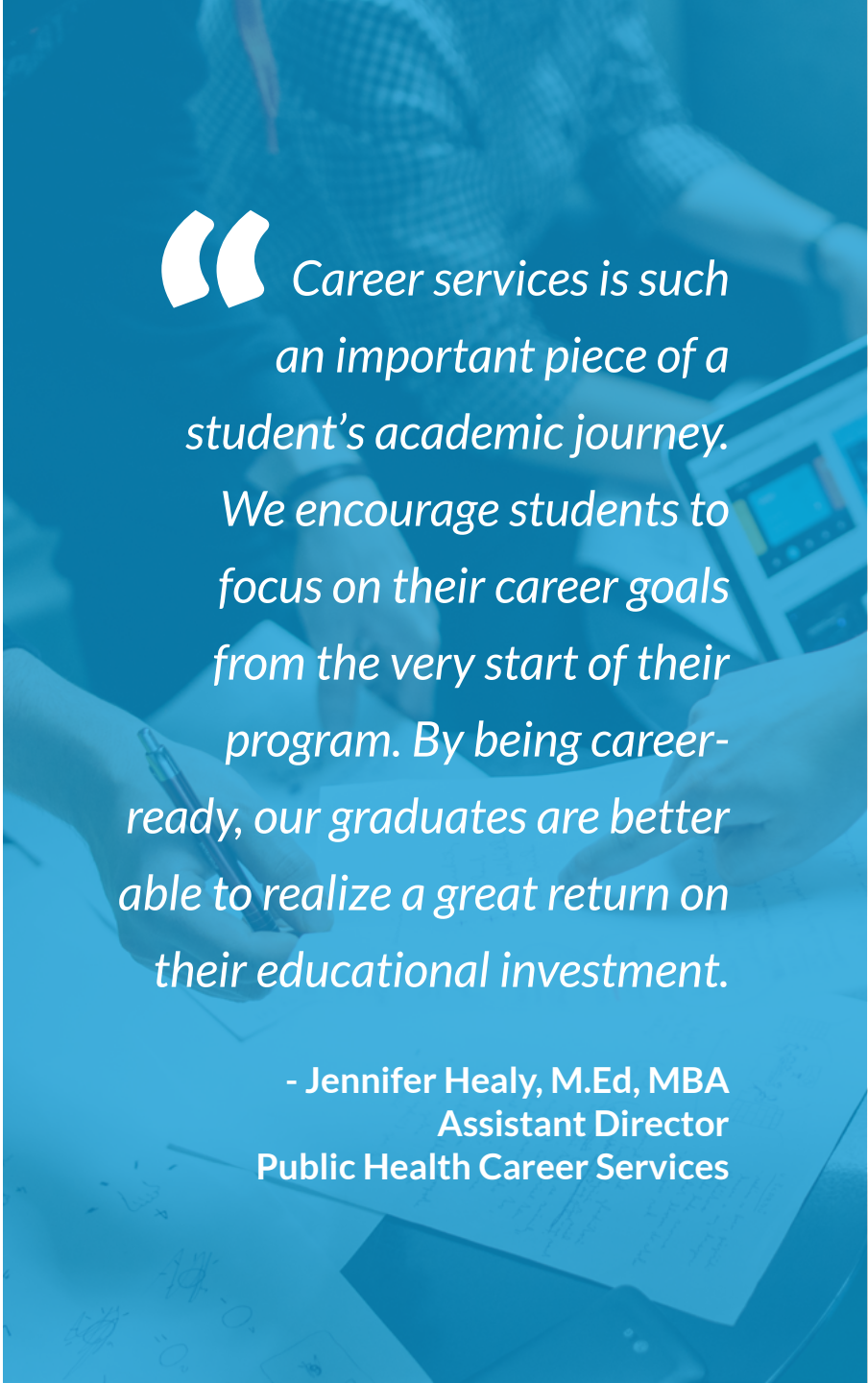


## PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER SERVICES

All of our online public health students and alumni have access to career services specific to the field of public health. The program is dedicated to supporting the career success of the students and alumni through individual career counseling, development, and online training workshops. The program's staff includes an Assistant Director of Public Health Career Services who helps craft the connection of UNE Public Health students with the resources and skills they need to drive their career development.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- Research and Service Coordination
- Writing Support
- Student Financial Services
- Library Services
- Learning Management System (Brightspace) Tutorials
- Student Access Center
- Technology Support



**“** *Career services is such an important piece of a student's academic journey. We encourage students to focus on their career goals from the very start of their program. By being career-ready, our graduates are better able to realize a great return on their educational investment.*

**- Jennifer Healy, M.Ed, MBA**  
**Assistant Director**  
**Public Health Career Services**







# Tuition & Financial Aid

## TUITION & FEES

Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$40
General Services Fee (per semester, non-refundable)	\$60
Tuition (per credit hour)	\$750
Technology Fee (per semester, non-refundable)	\$85
Registration Fee (non-matriculated students per semester)	\$30

- Graduate tuition and fee rates are subject to change.
- Students are expected to pay for textbooks and materials at the beginning of the semester.
- Books, supplies and other items available at the UNE Bookstore or through other online channels.

## FINANCIAL AID

At UNE, more than 90% of our students receive some form of financial aid. Investing in your future is a big financial commitment. That's why the University of New England is proud to offer accredited and quality online education at a competitive price. Financing a college education is a partnership between the student, his or her family, and the University. The Financial Aid Office at UNE is available to assist online students and their families in finding the financial means necessary to achieve their educational goals.

# Opportunities with UNE

## **APHA - STUDENT ASSEMBLY (APHA-SA) - UNE CHAPTER**

The UNE American Public Health Association - Student Assembly (APHA-SA) is an interdisciplinary organization welcoming student members from all health programs at the university who have an interest in public health. The chapter within UNE is part of the broader APHA-SA, a student-led organization within the American Public Health Association. For more information about the the UNE APHA-SA, including how to join, visit:

<https://online.une.edu/public-health/apha-sa>

## **DELTA OMEGA HONORARY SOCIETY - UNE CHAPTER, GAMMA CHI**

Delta Omega is a national honorary society comprised of CEPH-accredited programs and schools of public health. Delta Omega exists to encourage research and scholarship among graduate students of public health and to recognize attainment and achievement in the field of public health. Induction into the Gamma Chi is a great honor, and members enjoy a variety of benefits.

To learn more, visit:

<https://online.une.edu/public-health/delta-omega>

## **SERVICE CORD**

Service – it's a word that means different things to different people. Public health professionals think of service opportunities as activities done outside of their regular work or program of study that allow them to use their passion and expertise to help make their professions, communities, and ultimately, the world a better place. To reflect this, all GPPH students have the option to earn a Service cord by completing a minimum of 100 hours of service while enrolled in the program. Those who complete the required hours and submit the necessary documentation will be recognized for their dedication to service in the field of public health with the receipt of a service cord at graduation.

## **INTERPROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Through the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC), students can be linked to other students with related health profession experience to collaborate on assignments, projects, and extracurricular activities. In addition, the program connects online students with on-campus and virtual interprofessional opportunities including workshops, speakers, and special projects.





The University of New England has repeatedly claimed a spot in U.S. News & World Report's rankings for Best Online Graduate Education Programs.

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