

# Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies in Public Health (CDSPH)

## What Is CDSPH?

The CDSPH is a four-course, 12-credit online program examining the aspects of health care, society, culture, politics, economics, legislation education and social attitudes that impact people living with disabilities. It is intended for individuals working in medicine, nursing, social work, law, education and public advocacy. The program requires a grade of “B” in all courses.

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## Why Choose CDSPH?

The Certificate is designed to be a freestanding Certificate whose targeted audience, in addition to public health students, consists of individuals in the professional and paraprofessional workforce in medicine, dentistry, nursing, social work, law, education, psychology, political science, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language/hearing sciences, and other fields related to public health and disability who are in a position to help ensure health and social equity for all people with disabilities and their families.

It uses the 10 Essential Public Health Services as a framework to study the health and well-being of people with disabilities and their families, as well as the communities in which they live, learn, work, and play, and the populations of which they are a part.

This Certificate was originally designed in collaboration with UConn’s eCampus within the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning.

## Curriculum

CDSPH required curriculum: <https://ph.disability.certificate.uconn.edu/courses/>

- PUBH 5501 Foundations of Public Health and Disability (should be taken first)
- PUBH 5502 Epidemiology of Disability
- PUBH 5503 Disability Law, Policy, Ethics, and Advocacy
- PUBH 5504 Public Health Interventions in Disability

## How to Apply

Applicants for the Certificate in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies in Public Health must demonstrate an academic record appropriate to completing course requirement and interest in working in the community to advance public health and goals e.g., anticipated benefit of certificate on career. To apply, an individual will complete an online application available at: <https://grad.uconn.edu/admissions/apply-to-uconn/> and submit a required fee (acceptable online payment via Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Pursuant to U.S. immigration regulations, the University of Connecticut may not sponsor F-1 and J-1 visas for the purpose of coming to the U.S. for enrollment in this Certificate Program.

### To be considered for a graduate certificate, applicants must submit:

- A copy of official transcripts of all collegiate work.
- One letter of reference from an individual who can address the candidate’s potential for success in the Certificate Program.
- A brief personal statement (not to exceed 300 words) that describes personal and professional interest in the field of public health and the Certificate Program to which they are applying.
- A current resume or CV.

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