

Please contact the following numbers for counselor's office hours: (915) 831-4636, (915) 831-4036, (915) 831-4155.



HEALTH CTE, CREDIT And CE, MATH & SCIENCE DIVISION
Non-Specialized Admissions Program Information Guide
FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE (C1-PBHL)
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
2026-2027 Catalog

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PROGRAM MAP

Program Map provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and educational milestones. Link: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/program-map?programID=1218>

This one-semester Level One Certificate in Public Health is designed to equip a diverse range of individuals, including those from various health programs, community members, and professionals working in the field of community health, with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to excel in public health practice. This comprehensive program comprises 15 credit hours of engaging coursework, carefully curated to provide a strong foundation in the essential aspects of public health.

As you embark on this educational journey, you will delve into topics that include health promotion, disease prevention, the social and behavioral implications of disease prevention, community, and environmental health, community nutrition, and an exploration of new and emerging issues that significantly influence the practice of public health. By enrolling in our Level One Certificate in Public Health, you are taking a crucial step toward making a positive impact on the health and well-being of individuals and communities. Join us in this exciting endeavor, and let's build a healthier, more resilient future together. Your journey toward a rewarding career in public health begins here. The capstone course for this Certificate of Completion is HITT 2228, Introduction to Public Health. • Minimum grade required for specialized courses: "C"

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following is Required of all Students Enrolling in this Program:

- Student must have a High School Diploma or GED. Submit official transcripts to:
El Paso Community College Admissions Office
P.O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998
- Student must:
 1. Be approved to take credit academic courses by EPCC.
 2. Complete an online Health Careers Orientation at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/health-careers-orientation>
- "Effective Fall 2011, and based on new federal regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once." Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course (s) would impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized Admissions, or transferability of courses. It is the student's responsibility to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to inquire how a repeat course(s) would impact their financial aid or veteran's assistance.

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

None at this time. This program does not require students to fulfill Specialized Admissions criteria or procedures.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC CRITERIA

The Following is Required of all Applicants:

- Must file a degree plan with the designated Health Counselor
- **If you have any questions, Contact the Public Health Program Coordinator:**
Helga Carrion, RG Campus, room A-246, Telephone # (915) 831-4341.

POST-ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

None at this time.

C1-PBHL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION COURSES

Minimum Grade Required for Specialized Courses: "C"

Check El Paso Community College Catalog for Course Prerequisites

CHLT	1301	Introduction to Community Health
CHLT	1341	Environmental Health
HECO	1322	Nutrition and Diet Therapy
HPRS	1202	Wellness and Health Promotion
HITT	2228	Introduction to Public Health
PBHL	1291	Special Topics in Public Health, General

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Maximum Students Admitted:** 25 Students per course, multiple courses scheduled most semesters.
- Community Wide Orientation online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation>
- HIPAA online at: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa>
- Online additional program-specific and career information: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health>
- Website for Public Health Certificate: <https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/program-map?programID=1044>

OTHER INFORMATION

- CPR and First Aid Courses are available through the Health CTE, Credit and CE, Math & Science Division. Please see the current Continuing Education Course Schedule or call 915-831-7820 for more information.
- Our EPCC Rio Grande Border Health Clinic is located at the Rio Grande Campus, for information call: 915- 831-4016 or call 915-831-4017 for Dental, Medical Sonography, Echocardiogram or Physical Therapy clinics.

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