

Class of 2018 Senior Application to the Program in Public Health

The discipline of Public Health is the science and practice of promoting health and preventing disease or injury within and across populations. Public Health takes socio-cultural, behavioral, policy, and biomedical perspectives, and focuses on population rather than individual patient health. Williams College offers an Area of Concentration in Public Health. More information on the program can be found at public-health.williams.edu.

Admission to the Area of Concentration in Public Health is very limited in senior year; it is possible no students will be admitted. Students typically complete an application in the Spring of their sophomore year, but in some years we offer additional admission opportunities. Seniors should apply in consultation with a member of the Public Health Advisory Board and after familiarizing themselves with the information about the concentration on the website. Note that applicants must have completed PHLH 201 and must be available to take PHLH 402 with the associated lab in the Spring.

Applications for the Class of 2018 are due September 19, 2017. To submit an application, please e-mail the following materials to twatson@williams.edu in PDF form no later than April 18, 2017.

- a. Unofficial transcript (PDF).
- b. Completed concentration declaration form, scanned to PDF or delivered to Schapiro 204 in hard copy (<http://web.williams.edu/admin/registrar/petitions/Program.pdf>). Do not submit the form to the Registrar's Office.
- c. A 5-to-7-page narrative proposal (PDF) including the following elements:
 - Name
 - Proposed Public Health advisor (please communicate with this advisory board member before submitting the application)
 - A description of your intellectual goals and interests in Public Health (and, if relevant, how these relate to your professional goals)
 - The intellectual theme that will structure your path through the concentration. We ask students to define a cohesive set of issues that constitute a theme within the broad field of public health. This theme should help dictate the courses taken, experiential component, and content of the final portfolio in Public Health.
 - List of proposed courses and what semesters they will be taken, subject to availability. Please indicate how these courses relate to the proposed theme. (The capstone will be taken in Spring 2018 and unfortunately no substitution can be made if there is a conflict with another required course.) Lay out clearly how these courses tie together to form a cohesive intellectual package that reflects your particular interests within PH.
 - Proposed experiential component(s) that will incorporate hands-on experience into the PH curriculum, and how the experience(s) relate to the proposed theme.
 - Overview of how your major field of study and any study abroad plans relate to the PH curriculum.

Please contact the Chair of Public Health (twatson@williams.edu) or any member of the PH Advisory Board with questions.