

Class of 2019 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 limited and interested students should complete an application in the Spring of their sophomore year, in consultation with a member of the Public Health Advisory Board and after familiarizing themselves with the information about the concentration on the website. Due to excess demand, we cannot guarantee admission to the program.

Applications for the Class of 2019 are due May 1, 2017. To submit an application, please e-mail the following materials to twatson@williams.edu in PDF form no later than May 1, 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 2019 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.