

What do Duke Graduates do with the Health Policy Certificate?

Duke graduates who have received health policy certificates have pursued a variety of careers. As of September 2003, the Certificate program has graduated 153 students. For all graduates who have provided post-graduation updates, we know the following:

12% go on to work advising health policymakers in Washington, D.C. or in state government, including:

DHHS, Emerging Leaders Program; Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Senate Select Committee on Ethics

22% become health policy researchers, analysts or consultants in “think tanks” or consulting firms, including:

The Advisory Board; Deloitte and Touche; Project Hope; Research Triangle Institute; Towers Perrin

9% work for universities doing health policy research or other activities, including:

Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services, UNC; Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Life, Duke University

11% work for “advocacy” organizations that focus on health policy issues, including:

AIDS Action; American Association for Retired Persons; Environmentors Project; Families, USA

15% work in the health industry, including hospitals, HMO’s and law firms doing health work, including:

Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, and Hamilton; Dana Farber Cancer Institute; Duke University Hospital; Kaiser Permanente

5% obtain jobs technically outside of health care, but typically in positions that draw on their knowledge of health policy:

Fitch, Inc.; Goldman, Sachs and Co.; UNC TV

4% join the Peace Corps or complete military commitments:

Hart Fellowship; Military; Peace Corps

11% are attending or eventually plan to go on to medical school:

Johns Hopkins; Medical College of Georgia; University of Connecticut; University of Pennsylvania; Vanderbilt University

16% are pursuing or intend to pursue other academic degrees, including law, MBA/health administration/public administration/public policy, health policy and administration/public health:

Harvard Law; Johns Hopkins School of Public Health; Georgetown Law; UNC School of Public Health; NYU, School of Public Administration

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An Interdisciplinary Studies Program



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Because health care affects literally everyone, we all have a stake in the enormous ethical and public policy issues surrounding health care.

- *What should we do about the 44 million uninsured Americans whose numbers keep growing each year?*
- *Should highly effective but expensive treatments for HIV/AIDS be made available to Third World countries at the same time there are huge numbers of starving babies?*
- *Is there a right to health care?*
- *How can U.S. policymakers prevent the 44,000 to 98,000 lives lost each year to medical errors or the 400,000 lost lives due to smoking?*
- *Do countries that spend the most on health care get the best health results?*

Duke University, through the Center for Health Policy Law and Management, offers an interdisciplinary certificate in Health Policy. The program speaks to the needs of students preparing for careers in health care policy, management and the associated professions as the American health care industry enters into a period of rapid and profound change. Courses in the health policy certificate program address three interrelated goals: (1) to investigate the machinery of contemporary health policy-making and to understand the broad political dynamics which have conditioned American health policy, past and present; (2) to familiarize students with the institutional and economic foundations of American health care through study of the interaction between the key players in health care financing and organization—employers, private insurance carriers, government regulators, health care providers and consumers; and (3) to explore the cultural and ideological underpinnings of modern conceptions of health and the recurrent ethical dilemmas facing health care providers and policy-makers.

The **Health Policy Certificate Program** draws upon established research in health services centered in economics, political science, public policy and sociology but recognizes the inspired contributions to health care debates originating in the disciplines of anthropology, history, law, philosophy, psychology and religion.

The **Health Policy Certificate Program** is open to all undergraduates. Successful candidates must complete the prescribed combination of six courses: one introductory course; one methods course; two courses drawn from the core set of health policy course offerings; any one additional elective course; and, the capstone course, **PPS 255 Health Policy Analysis**. Appropriate courses may come from the enclosed list or may include other courses (new courses, special topics courses, independent study, and, under special circumstances, courses offered through the UNC School of Public Health) as approved by the director. No more than three of the six courses taken to satisfy the requirements of the certificate may originate in a single department or program; no more than two courses may be used to satisfy requirements of any other major, minor or certificate.

The courses listed in this brochure represent a *sample* of courses. The Health Policy Certificate website contains the most complete and current list of courses that are offered each semester: <http://www.hpolicy.duke.edu/certificate>

INTRODUCTORY COURSE (Any 1 Course)

PUBPOL 49: Evolution of U.S. Health Care System
PUBPOL 111: Introduction to U.S. Health Care System

METHODS COURSES (Any 1 Course)

ECON 2 or 52: Competition, Monopoly & Welfare
ECON 215S: Applied Cost Benefit Analysis
PUBPOL 55: Introduction to Policy Analysis
PUBPOL 261/ECON 261/ENV 272: Evaluation of Public Expenditures

CORE COURSES (Any 2 Courses)

ECON 156: Health Economics
PUBPOL 157: Health Policy
PUBPOL 178/SOCIOL 171: Comparative Health Care
PUBPOL 253/PS 249: Politics of Health Care
PUBPOL 264S.07: Getting Value for Money in Health Care
PUBPOL 264S.53: Health Policy: Prevention/Management
PUBPOL 264.30: Health Care Policy in Developing Countries

ELECTIVE COURSES (Any 1 Course)

CULANTH 145: Medical Anthropology
ECON 163: Economics of the Environment
ENVIRON 149/PUBPOL 149: U.S. Environmental Policy
ENVIRON 270L: Resource and Environmental Economics
HISTORY 105S.05: History of Medical Ethics
HISTORY 189B: History of Public Health in America
HISTORY 190: History of Women in Science & Medicine
HISTORY 279, 280: Health, Healing & History
PHIL 118: Philosophical Issues in Medical Ethics
POLSCI 147D/PUBPOL 147D Environmental Politics/Policies
POLSCI 176A & B: Perspectives on Food and Hunger
PSY 109A: Health Psychology
PSY 129: Psychology and the Law
PUBPOL 108/WS 108: AIDS: Ethics and Policy
PUBPOL 149: U.S. Environmental Policy
PUBPOL 160S.70: Long-Term Care Policy
PUBPOL 251S: Regulation of Vice and Substance Abuse
PUBPOL 264S.32: Matters of Life and Death
PUBPOL 266: Comparative Social Policy
PUBPOL 274: Resource and Environmental Policy
RELIGION 182: Ethical Issues in Health Care
SOCIOLOG 112: American Demographics
SOCIOLOG 123: Social Aspects of Mental Illness
SOCIOLOG 162: Health & Illness in Society
SOCIOLOG 163: Aging and Health
SOCIOLOG 227S, B: Social Behavior and Health