

# DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH - CERTIFICATE

Dental Public Health is the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts.

This form of dental practice focuses on serving the community as a patient rather than the individual as a patient. It is concerned with the dental health education of the public, with applied dental research, and with the administration of group dental care programs, as well as the prevention and control of dental diseases on a community basis.

All courses within this program are taught face-to-face, on campus at the College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. This program may require off-campus assignments at various hospitals or dental clinics throughout the State of Texas.

This program, housed in the Department of Public Health Sciences, is a 12-month-equivalent full-time certificate program that begins in late June each year. Up to three new positions may be available each year. All applicants must have a DDS, DMD, or equivalent degree, an MPH or PhD in public health, and a competitive academic record, with references. The application deadline is November 1 of each year, for matriculation the following June. The program uses the ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS (<https://www.adea.org/PASSapp/applicants/>)). Each student completes a pre-assessment evaluation prior to entering the program.

The program is guided by the Dental Public Health Competencies developed by the American Board of Dental Public Health.

Upon successful completion of all components of the program, the student receives a Certificate in Dental Public Health and meets the advanced education eligibility requirements of the American Board of Public Health Dentistry. Each student is encouraged to take the written portion of the Qualifying Examination of the American Board of Public Health Dentistry prior to graduating from the program.

This program prepares students for the opportunity to pursue an occupational license. Please refer to the Notification for Students Pursuing an Occupational License (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/appendices/licensing/>) in our catalog for additional information.

For more information about the Certificate in Dental Public Health, visit the Program's website (<https://dentistry.tamu.edu/departments/public-health/graduate-program.html>).

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
DPHS 600	Dental Public Health Practicum	9.0
DPHS 610	Practice Transformation	1.0
DPHS 620	Dental Public Health Field Experience I	1.5
DPHS 625	Dental Public Health Field Experience II	2.5
DPHS 691	Research	5.0
OBIO 610	Responsible Conduct in Biomedical Research	1.0

OBIO 611	Research Design and Methodology	2.0
OBIO 660	Teaching Skills for Health Professions Educators	1.0
PROS 650	Geriatric Prosthodontics	1.0

**Total Semester Credit Hours** **24**

Must complete 12 months of residency, total credit hours specified, any noncredit courses specified, and be approved by the Promotions Committee for this certificate to be awarded.

In accordance with Student Rule 10.4.1, grades of S or U may be assigned in certain officially designated certificate courses.