

HEALTH AND SOCIETY CERTIFICATE

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/healthandsocietycertificate.cfm>)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

Many students attend UW-Parkside hoping to pursue a career in a “helping profession.” This certificate will provide additional options to pursue careers in the health care industry. The Health and Society certificate will provide students with an excellent opportunity to study questions of physical and mental health, health behaviors and practices, and health care institutions, in an integrated way—primarily through a social and cultural lens, spanning both national and global contexts. The health care industry career path is so wide that students may opt to offer their skills as community health educators, consultants to data specialists, substance abuse programmers, rehabilitation and prevention counselors, or school youth and parent aides.

Requirements for the Health and Society Certificate

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCA 376	Public Health	3
Elective Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
SOCA 216	Social Issues in Substance Use and Abuse	
SOCA 320	Sociological Social Psychology	
SOCA 332	Sociology of Mental Illness	
SOCA 379	Society and Environment	
Practicum		
Select one of the following:		3
SOCA 380	Social Welfare as a Social Institution	
SOCA 492	Internship in Sociology ¹	
Total Credits		15

¹ All SOCA 492 Internship in Sociology internships have to be geared towards the area of the certificate. Students who already have experience in any field may receive credit for the practicum category of the certificates but after submitting the necessary documentation and approval by the department.

University Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates

Course work in a certificate must be completed with a minimum 2.00 GPA. Departments or programs may require a higher GPA.

A minimum of 9 credits in a certificate program must be taken at UW-Parkside. Individual departments and programs may require more than 9 credits to be taken at UW-Parkside.