

HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE CONTEXT CERTIFICATE

for students *entering September 2025 and subsequently**

CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

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Link to the Bulletin:

[HRSJ Certificate Bulletin](#)

MPH INTEGRATED CORE COURSES (16 CREDITS)

Online Course (0 credit) to be taken before classes begin

- **PH700:** Foundations of Public Health**

Develop a strong foundation in public health through the integrated core curriculum:

- **PH717:** Quantitative Methods for Public Health
- **PH718:** Leadership and Management in Public Health
- **PH719:** Health Systems, Law and Policy
- **PH720:** Individual, Community and Population Health

ADDITIONAL 16 CREDITS

Students are required to complete one functional certificate (16 credits):
Choose one of the following options to fulfill your additional 16 credits

1. Complete a second functional certificate (16 cr.)
2. Complete a context certificate (12 cr.) plus 1 elective (4 cr.)
3. Complete 16 elective credits

HRSJ CERTIFICATE COURSEWORK (12 Credits)

REQUIRED 4 UNITS

- **LW740:** Health and Human Rights (fall + spring)

CHOOSE AT LEAST 8 UNITS OF ELECTIVES

ALL COURSES ARE 4 UNITS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

- **EP775:** Social Epidemiology (fall + spring)
- **GH750:** Gender, Sexuality, Power, and Inequity (spring)
- **GH770:** Poverty, Health and Development (spring)
- **LW725:** Ethical Issues in Medicine and Public Health (fall)
- **LW840:** Health Law, Bioethics and Human Rights (fall)
- **LW854:** Mental Health Law & Ethics (spring)
- **MC750:** Disability Justice Through the Life Course: Programs, Policies, and Turning Advocacy to Action (spring)
- **MC775:** Social Justice and the Health of Populations: Racism and Other Systems of Oppression in the United States (spring)
- **MC785:** Reproductive Health Advocacy: From Rights to Justice (2 units – spring)
- **MC786:** Immigrant Family Health: Public Health Across Borders (spring)
- **SB760:** Health of LGBT Populations (fall)
- **SB860:** Strategies for Public Health Advocacy (fall + spring)

MPH PRACTICUM PH976 (240 Hours; 0 CREDITS)

- Gain experience as a public health professional
 - Minimum of 240 hours, more hours recommended
- More information can be found [here](#).

CAREER PREP PH746 (0 CREDITS)

Must complete prior to graduation. Career Prep is a career development course students must complete prior to graduation. **Dual degree students** should consult the academic bulletin for official degree requirements as they differ from the roadmap.

INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE PH845 (0 CREDITS)

Completed in your **FINAL** semester

- Tied to functional area certificate
- Give students opportunity to practice all the functional certificate skills in individual final project
- Student initiated; faculty guided
- Registrar will enroll students in PH845 after graduation application is processed

*Students **must** follow course requirements relative to the semester they matriculated. Official requirements are listed in the Academic Bulletin. Degree Advice via My BU Student Portal is a useful tool to track progress.

**PH700 Foundations of Public Health (0 cr.) is a self-directed, online course completed prior to matriculation.