

Master of Arts degree in Community Health

COMMUNITY HEALTH at Brooklyn College



THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVES both national and international students who are pursuing a career in health promotion/disease prevention. Many of our graduate students are in practice in the field and come to Brooklyn College for advanced training and professional development.

Brooklyn College offers the following graduate-level programs in health:

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION (CHE) M.A.

The Community Health Education concentration provides broad knowledge of community health and health services with an emphasis on community planning and assessment. Graduates will design educational programs, conduct, and evaluate community and public health activities and services to help improve the health of communities and individuals. Graduates typically find employment in public health departments, community-based organizations, hospitals, and clinics as patient educators, health coaches, community organizers, public health educators, and health program managers.

THANATOLOGY M.A.

The thanatology concentration provides community health training with a focus on the development of expertise in the area of dying, death, and bereavement. Graduates are prepared for a variety of positions in community health settings, including community-based organizations, hospitals, clinics, and in hospice and palliative care.

FOOD AND HEALTH EQUITY (FHE) M.A.

The Food and Health Equity concentration prepares graduates to work in community settings with a focus on addressing inequities in our food and nutrition systems that disproportionately impact vulnerable and economically disadvantaged groups. Program graduates may work in preventive health services, including clinical healthcare, in corporate wellness centers, community nutrition outreach centers, college health services. Food and health equity program organizers and developers may work in healthcare settings creating food and nutrition programs that focus on diversity; programs that address access to healthy and affordable foods in urban neighborhoods.

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN THANATOLOGY

The advanced certificate in thanatology presents foundational and advanced knowledge in the areas of death, dying, and bereavement. The program is designed to provide training for individuals who have completed a baccalaureate degree and are working with, or interested in working with, the dying and the bereaved, or for individuals who have completed a master's degree and are seeking further training. In addition, the program will allow practitioners to meet professional continuing-education requirements to maintain existing licenses or certifications. The program is designed to conform to the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) certification requirements for those persons interested in becoming certified or maintaining their certification in Thanatology.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree with an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0
- International students may require TOEFL (79) or IELTS (6.5). Students who earned their baccalaureate degree from outside the United States must submit a course-by-course evaluation of their transcripts by a NACES-recognized agency
- Official transcripts from all college and universities attended
- 2 letters of recommendation
- 500-word essay indicating why this program is important for your career
- At least 18 credits of health-related courses or one year of field experience
- The GRE is not required.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Fall: March 1 (Community Health Education M.A., Thanatology M.A., Food and Health Equity M.A., Advanced Certificate in Thanatology)
- Spring: November 1 (Advanced Certificate in Thanatology only)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Community Health Education M.A. (36 credits)
- Thanatology M.A. (30 credits)
- Food and Health Equity M.A. (30 credits)
- Advanced Certificate in Thanatology (15 credits)

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