

IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTCOMES, GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

OVERVIEW

Students who are interested in solving problems in community health, health services, or health policy, may want to supplement their training with the Certificate in Implementation Science and Community Health Outcomes.

Current research investments reflect an emphasis on research that looks for ways to translate what has been learned in controlled settings into positive outcomes in clinical practice and community health. This research requires the ability to:

- consider multiple factors that interact to influence a community or organization;
- form and manage research partnerships with communities and organizations;
- evaluate whether a health intervention or prevention method works or will be used; and
- articulate policy implications of health issues and interventions.

The Certificate in Implementation Science and Community Health Outcomes focuses on the development of these skills.

The certificate addresses a well-documented gap in what should be a continuum between basic health and medical research discoveries and the application of those discoveries in clinical and public health practice. To bridge this gap new discoveries must move beyond efficacy studies to research that tests effectiveness in real-world settings, exploring factors that facilitate or impede positive health outcomes. This research requires engagement among community members, organizations, clinicians and researchers as partners in the research process and draws on a distinct set of skills. This certificate focuses on the development of skills to engage successfully in clinical and community health outcomes research.