



Public Health Nursing Certification Program Eligibility Requirements

As of September 2, 2025

Eligibility Requirements	
Active RN License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes
Education Level or Degree Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diploma, Associate Degree in Nursing, or higher from an accredited nursing program.
Clinical Practice Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For Diploma or Associate Degree in Nursing: At least 2 years FTE or 4,160 hours of public health nursing practice (if PHN role is not FTE). ▪ For Bachelor of Science or Higher in Nursing: At least 1 year FTE or 2,080 hours of public health nursing practice (if PHN role is not FTE). ▪ For Graduate Degree or Doctorate in Public Health or Public Health Nursing*. No clinical or practice hour requirement. <i>*Includes: Master's or Doctorate in Community Health or Community Health Nursing, Master's or Doctorate in Population Health or Population Health Nursing.</i>