

Certificate in Public Health and Cognitive Aging

The Penn Healthy Brain Research Center, a member of the CDC Healthy Brain Research Network

This certificate program is available to qualified students currently enrolled in a Master's or PhD at the University of Pennsylvania who have acquired a body of knowledge that is key to improving the health and psychosocial outcomes for our aging population. This multi-disciplinary certificate is housed in Penn's MPH program, but draws from courses in the School of Social Policy & Practice, School of Nursing, and the Perelman School of Medicine. This program is directed by Jason Karlawish, MD, Professor of Medicine, Medical Ethics and Health Policy, and Neurology, and Co-Director of the Penn Memory Center (PMC).

Course Requirements

Students pursuing the certificate program must take:

- PUBH 589 "Public Health & the Aging Brain"
- PUBH 502 "Introduction to Principles and Methods of Epidemiology" or other relevant epidemiology course
- A course related to public policy, law, ethics, and healthcare management. (Courses already approved are PUBH 505: "Public Health Policy & Administration" and PUBH 507: "Public Health Law & Ethics")
- An elective relevant to public health and cognitive aging

Additional Requirements

- Attend at least five PMC consensus conferences, at which clinicians review patient diagnoses
- Attend at least five PMC didactic presentations given by PMC clinicians, faculty or staff or invited researchers
- An oral or written presentation

How do you apply?

To apply for this certificate program, you will need to submit:

- Unofficial Penn transcripts
- Resume
- A brief (one-page) essay outlining how the courses and other requirements will train you to develop expertise in the public health dimensions of cognitive aging
- Approval from Graduate Program director and academic advisor

All materials should be submitted to Monique Shaw at jmonique@mail.med.upenn.edu.

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