



Grand Rapids Community College

2025/26

Western Michigan University Public Health Curriculum Guide

Western Essential Studies (WES) requirements:

- Students must fulfill the Western Essential Studies (WES) requirements for graduation from WMU. Please see the [WES transfer guide](#). Your community college advisor should be able to help you with this information.
- Please note, in the list below, that some of the required support courses, signified by * (required cognates for all students in the public health program) and those signified by # (can count toward WMU required 18-hour public health emphasis area) will also satisfy some of the WES requirements.
- SO 254 meets WMU WES Diversity & Inclusion requirement.
- BI 118 is a recommended public health emphasis area course as it also meets WMU WES Planetary and Sustainability requirement.

Required support courses: MTA and program approved courses

I. GRCC COURSES FOR GENERAL EDUCATION, which follow the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) (30 credits minimum). Students who complete the recommended MTA courses below will ensure

GRCC Course	WMU WES Equivalent
English Composition: EN 101 or EN 102 & COM 135	ENGL 1050 & COM 1700
Humanities: PL 206# (recommended) + 1 other course	PHIL 3340 & Varies
Mathematics: MA 215 (recommended)	STAT 2160
Science: BI 101* + 1 other science course	BIOS 1100/1120 & Varies
Social Sciences: PY 201* & SO 251*	PSY 1000 & SOC 2000

II. GRCC PUBLIC HEALTH ADDITIONAL COURSES (24 credits)

GRCC Course	WMU Equivalent
WMU PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIRED COURSES	
EXS 225	PH 2310
SO 254*	SOC 2100

Choose at least 18 hours (or 15 hours if PL 206 taken to meet MTA) to meet WMU Public Health emphasis area

BI 118 [#]	BIOS 1050
EDU 116	FCS 2100
EDU 120	HSV 2250
EXS 203	PH CR
EXS 189 or BI 125	HPHE 1110
GH 200	FCS 2600
PL 206 [#]	PHIL 3340
PY 233	PSY 1600
PY 241	PSY 1400
PY 260	SOC 3200

III. GRCC ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES

GRCC open electives to reach 60 credits

Additional courses from above list or other courses	Varies
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