

PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSFER GUIDE 2025-26

Eastern Mennonite University Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Public Health



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at EMU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT				BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
Non-transferable	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		Core: Intercultural Social Science	3	
WRIT 125 College Writing I	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		Core: ABP 260 Questions of Faith and Ethics	3	
WRIT 135 College Writing II	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Tech-Prof Writing		Core: CORE 300 Power, Systems, and Justice	3	
Core: Theology and Religion or Creative Arts	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	BIOL 275 Writing for the Natural Sciences	2	Satisfies Writing Intensive course
Core: Literature	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		PH 231 Foundations of Public Health Immunology	3	
Core: Social and Behavioral Studies	3	PSY 200 Introduction to Psychology		PH 356 Epidemiology	3	
Core: History	3	Any UCGS History		NURS 432 Community Health	3	
Core: Natural Science	4	BIO 101 Introduction to Biology	*Labs should be taken on campus	STAT 220 Inferential Statistics	2	
Major: STATS 120/220 Core: Quantitative Reasoning	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning or MTH 245 Statistics		Stat 230 Regression and ANOVA	2	
Major: CHEM 223	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course	Recommend CHM 111 General Chemistry I (satisfies EMU CHEM 223) *Labs should be taken on campus	SOWK 330 Social Policy Analysis	3	

Complete at VCCS (cont'd)				Complete at EMU (cont'd)		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
Varies based on UCGS transfer course completed	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course		SOC 336 Methods of Social Research	3	
PH 175 Introduction to Public Health	3	HLT 228 Intro to Public Health		BIOL 490 Biomedical Ethics OR *ENVS 325 Environmental Ethics	2	If not already satisfied by VCCS HLT 241
BIOL 145 Nutrition	3	HLT 230 Principles of Nutrition		PXD 485 Globalization and Development	3	If not already satisfied by VCCS HLT 241
	At least 9	Clinic Focus: BIO 150 Microbiology for Health Science BIO 205 General Microbiology Social Science Focus: HLT 241 Global Health Perspectives PHI 227 Bio-Medical Ethics	Recommended: BIO 150 or BIO 205 (Satisfies EMU BIOL 205), HLT 251 (satisfies EMU PXD 485), PHI 227 Bio-medical Ethics (satisfies EMU BIOL 490 or ENVS 325) *any labs should be taken on campus	ENVS 372 Toxicology for Public Health	2	
	9-15	Additional community college-specific transfer courses required for completion of associate degree (e.g. ITE); Any world language 100/200 level; additional 4Y major or college requirements; Math prerequisites [MTH 154, MTH 161, MTH 162, MTH 167]; additional courses from major courses listed above; additional transfer electives	Recommended: Any world language 100/200 level; satisfies EMU Core Language Learning course	ENVS 365 Environmental Risk and Policy or SOC 430 Environmental Justice	2 - 3	
		Additional transfer electives, if needed to meet 60 credits		PH 429 Internship (1-3) or WCSC 385 Internship (6)	1+	
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

* **A** = Completion of the Associate Degree satisfies this General Education requirement. **U** = This course satisfies a Uniform Certificate of General Studies requirement. **P** = This course satisfies a Passport requirement.

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, students who complete the prescribed curriculum and meet the criteria below are guaranteed admission to EMU. This agreement does not guarantee enrollment in any specific major.

- Complete 20 credit hours of math & science courses with grades of "B" or better will be considered to have satisfied our biology major requirement BIOL 173, Concepts in Biology. Above recommended VCCS curriculum will accomplish this requirement.
- Earn a transferable associate degree.
- Earn a minimum of 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
- Earn a grade of C or higher in each VCCS course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program.
- Apply to transfer to EMU, which serves as their registration of intent to utilize the GAA.

Upon graduation, submit an official transcript showing completion of associate degree to the EMU Admissions. Please visit the [TransferVirginia.org](https://emu.edu/academics/degree-programs) portal or <https://emu.edu/academics/degree-programs> to find course requirements for different majors.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University transfer center:** <https://emu.edu/transfer>
- **Admission Application (rolling admissions):** <https://emu.edu/apply>
- **Financial aid:** <https://emu.edu/financial-aid/transfer>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** <https://studentaid.gov/>

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, and complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and EMU in your first year. College Connect is available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?



Are you interested in using science to positively impact the common good in a field that needs passionate people now more than ever? See the real and immediate lasting impacts of your work. Gain research skills, intercultural awareness, and interdisciplinary approach in a field that is interdisciplinary itself.

Through internships and two emphases within the major, faculty will help prepare you to make decisions about your future career. Public health is perfect for students who are interested in many different things—whether you have a specific goal in mind, or want to move around in your field, public health gives you the opportunity to specialize or try out different options. **Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org.**

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IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- **EMU at a glance:** EMU is a smaller private liberal arts university located in Harrisonburg, VA, NCAA Division III.
- **Cost and value:** EMU averages financial aid based on family income. Learn more at <https://emu.edu/financial-aid/prospective/>.
- **Stellar outcomes:** View alumni outcomes and student demographic statistics at <https://emu.edu/about/facts/>.
- **You matter:** When you choose to join the EMU story, you become a part of an inclusive and equitable community of learners who are connected, accepted, valued and respected. EMU will prepare you for a career and develop, mentor, support and challenge you to make the world a better place.
- **Learn more:** www.TransferVirginia.org

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF ALREADY-COMPLETED WORK ON MY DEGREE?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Completion of a transfer-appropriate degree will satisfy all general education requirements at EMU with the exception of a three-credit Theology and Religion requirement, a two-credit Senior Seminar, and unless otherwise satisfied, the EMU Intercultural Learning requirement.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Completion of a transfer-appropriate degree will satisfy all general education requirements at EMU with the exception of a three-credit Theology and Religion requirement, a two-credit Senior Seminar, and unless otherwise satisfied, the EMU Intercultural Learning requirement.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** EMU accepts AP, CLEP, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at EMU.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Completing your associate transfer degree after high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding three years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at EMU.
- **Aside from the courses listed above, there are no other program requirements.**

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the GAA you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

- EMU evaluates transfer applicants based on satisfactory academic progress criteria - we encourage all students to apply to receive a personalized holistic application review process.
- There is a separate application process for the clinical level of the nursing program.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP ME SELECT A MAJOR?

- Explore EMU's majors and minors: <https://emu.edu/academics/degree-programs>
- Reach out to your EMU admissions counselor: <https://emu.edu/admissions/counselors/>
- Learn more about career pathways: www.TransferVirginia.org