NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CHECKLIST FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM APPLICANTS
Fall 2028 Admission

Admission Information:

- Deadline to request criteria review is the last Monday in August: 8/30/27
- Program application will open on the 1st Monday in October at 9AM: 10/4/27
- After 10/4/27, applications will be reviewed and processed as they are received or until the cohort and waitlist have filled.

Admission to the Public Health Program is competitive and seats are limited. After having met with an academic advisor to verify completion of all admission requirements, applicants may submit their online application to be considered for admission. Seats fill quickly for program admission and the waitlist.

Academic Advising:
Individuals interested in applying to the Public Health Program are required to meet with an advisor when starting the admission process to assist with questions and clarify the process.

☐ **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION** (if you are a new student or have not been enrolled for the previous three years) **Major Choice: General Studies: Health Specialization, Interest in Public Health Program.**

☐ **Completion of HES 102 Learning Strategies for Success in Health Care Careers course**. Students must attain a "C" or higher for admission to the program. Waivers for HES 102 will not be granted.

☐ **Completion of the Mandatory Public Health Info Session** between Fall 2026 and Summer of 2027. For Information Session dates, go to our Health information sessions page in our website or email aprophett@necc.mass.edu.

☐ **Official transcript(s)** showing evidence of high school graduation, or the equivalent with passing GED/HiSet scores.

☐ **Official college transcript**(s) if transfer credits are being requested. **GPA 2.0 or higher for each course being requested in transfer. Your NECC GPA** must be 1.8 or higher in order to apply to the program or if you are a **transfer student** with no credits from NECC your **overall GPA** (1.8 or higher) from the last college you attended will be used to meet this requirement.

IMPORTANT FINAL STEP:

☐ Request for final review of criteria – To be eligible to apply to the Public Health program, all of the above criteria must be complete. To be considered for application to the Public Health program for fall 2028, all prospective applicants must email **healthprogramadmissions@necc.mass.edu.**

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ☐ Specific Science Courses within the program curriculum must be completed within seven (7) years prior to the anticipated start date of the Public Health Program.
- ☐ Completion of HES 102 Learning Strategies for Success in Health Care Careers course required in first term. Students must attain a "C" or higher in HES102.
- ☐ Completion or enrollment/registration in the English Composition I course (without Fusion) required in first term. Students must attain a "C" or higher in English Composition I. (Addendum effective May 1, 2017).

Program Capacity

The Public Health Program has a limited number of seats.

Wait List Status

The Public Health Program Review Committee establishes a wait list for qualified applicants who are not initially accepted into the program. The wait list is approximately 25% of the program capacity. Applicants are called from the wait list on a space available basis. Applicants who are placed on the wait list, and for whom a seat does not open during the current admission cycle, are given first option on admission for the following year. If there are significant changes in the admission criteria, applicants on the wait list may be required to comply with the new criteria. This decision is at the sole discretion of the academic program faculty.

Transfer Credits

Transfer credits from other colleges/universities are awarded only for comparable courses that are completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

Science courses must have been taken not more than seven (7) years prior to the anticipated start date of the Public Health Program to count as credits towards completing the program.

Health Requirements

Information regarding the College's health requirements will be sent to you upon your acceptance to the program.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and Sex Offender Record Information (SORI)

Students interested in participation in an academic program that involves working with children, the disabled, or the elderly, or a cooperative education experience or a program that includes a clinical affiliation with a private public health care provider, may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check, and/or a Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) check. Students will need to provide a government issued photo identification and sign a release form allowing the college to view the student's CORI or SORI reports. Depending on the contents of a student's CORI or SORI reports, participation in an academic program or a cooperative education experience or a clinical or practicum affiliation related thereto, may be denied. CORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 172(C), and consistent with guidelines promulgated by the Executive Office for Health and Human Services, and/or the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. SORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Section 172(C). CHRI checks may be performed based on the NH Code of Administrative Rules and state statutes to include RSA 106-B:14 and RSA 106-B:7,1(b). For more information, contact the Registrar at 978-556-3700.

Clinical Affiliate Random Drug & Alcohol Screening Analysis Notification to Students

Please be advised that students enrolled in the following Health Professions programs are required to undergo and pass a drug screening analysis in order to be eligible for placement in a clinical facility. Students who are assigned to clinical education experiences at certain clinical facilities will be required to undergo and pass an additional random drug screening analysis in order to remain at that clinical facility. **Students who either fail to pass, or refuse to submit to, or fail to report within the required time frame for a drug screening analysis will be ineligible for clinical placement which in turn will affect their status in the program**. Health Profession programs that require drug screening analysis include: Dental Assisting, Paramedic Technology, Medical Assisting, Associate Degree Nursing, Healthcare Technician, Practical Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Sleep Technology, Respiratory Care, Public Health, Community Health Worker, Medical Coding, Medical Billing, and Medical Office Assistant.

Affirmative Action

For information on Affirmative Action Policy: https://www.necc.mass.edu/employment/statement-non-discrimination/