



## Certificate in Rural Public Health University of Northern Colorado | Greeley, CO

According to Census data, approximately 97% of U.S land is rural, yet there are very few public health programs specifically tailored to improve rural health. If you are interested in a program that aims to reduce rural health disparities, this Rural Public Health Certificate equips you with the skills necessary to address pervasive issues like poverty, accidental injury, and inaccessible resources. Through coursework focused on community engagement, you will learn how to address health disparities and coordinate intervention plans with rural communities and beyond.

The Rural Public Health certificate is offered at the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC). Weld County, which houses UNC, is home to a strong agriculture and farming community surrounded by several other rural and frontier counties. UNC's Rural Public Health certificate allows you to learn through collaborations with agencies serving these rural communities, and trains you to understand their unique challenges while gaining expertise in strategies to address these challenges.

### Curriculum

	Credits
Foundations in Public Health (PUBH 6600)	2
Strategies for Community Health Promotion (CHBH 5300)	3
Effective Community Health Engagement (CHBH 5350)	3
Rural Community Health Issues (CHBH 5680)	3
Electives	4

*For a full list of electives, visit the ColoradoSPH website.*

This certificate of Rural Public Health offers students the opportunity to enroll in graduate courses as an entry point for the Master of Public Health or as a standalone program for students who wish to gain a deeper understanding of rural health issues.

Visit the ColoradoSPH website ([coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu](http://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu)) for more information about the Certificate of Rural Public Health at the University of Northern Colorado campus.

## Certificate Information

### Application Deadline:

- Spring – October 15
- Summer – February 15

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### Concentration Objectives:

- Examine the concept of "rurality" from a social science perspective.
- Examine accessibility, availability, and delivery of community health resources and services from a health equity perspective.
- Use principles of authentic community engagement to work collaboratively within a community.
- Apply evidence-based principles and a scientific knowledge base to develop community health initiatives appropriately adapted to fit community health needs.