Community Health Major Application

Thank you for your interest in majoring in Community Health. The major is nationally recognized, and the curriculum is based on the skills and competencies identified by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC). The intensive and project-based curriculum requires regular and frequent work outside of class time (evenings and weekends). Students who are accepted into the major begin the 400-level NCHEC skills-based classes the winter quarter after they are accepted into the major. Accepted majors continue through the sequenced curriculum as a cohort. Please note your application does not guarantee acceptance to the major.

Please submit this form and all requested application materials to Katey Roemmele before April 11, 2018 at 3:00 pm. She is located in Carver Academic Facility 209A (at the south end of the second floor in the new glass-walled section of Carver). Decisions regarding acceptance are made prior to winter quarter registration.

Name: _________________________________________________________  Student Number: _______________________

WWU Email: ______________________@wwu.edu    Personal email: _____________________________________________

Local address (street, city, zip): _____________________________________________________________________________

Phone number: _______________________    Declared pre-major (yes/no): ________    Advisor: ________________________

Cumulative GPA at community college (if attended): ___________    Cumulative GPA at WWU:  ___________

Write the grade you received in the following courses completed at WWU or transferred from another college. If you have not taken any one of the courses below, write the term you intend to take it (e.g., F17).

HLED: 150 ____       151 ____       152 ____       345 ____       350 ____

CHEM: 121 ____        251 or 351 ____

MATH: 114 ____      240 ____

BIO: 101 or 205 ____      348 ____         349 ____

Application materials (please check off that you have included the following materials in your application):

____ Copies of transcripts from all colleges attended, including WWU (these can be unofficial copies/academic histories)

____ Current résumé: Education, volunteer and/or work experience, awards, certifications, and hobbies/interests

____ An essay that explains 1) why you are interested in majoring in Community Health, 2) what you see yourself doing in 2-5 years, and 3) a description of your experience with community service/volunteer work, highlighting health-related activities. (The essay is to be no longer than 3 typed double-spaced pages, 12-point font. Please make sure your name is at the top of the page.)

____ Two letters of reference that speak directly to:

1) Your experience (work or volunteer) in community health activities;
2) Your motivation, leadership, initiative, and interpersonal skills; and
3) What makes you a strong candidate for training to be a member of the community health education profession. Letters of reference from family and friends are not accepted. Your letters of reference can be submitted directly to you in a sealed envelope with the reference writer’s signature across the seal or emailed directly to Katey Roemmele at katey.roemmele@wwu.edu.

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Please read and initial each of the following:

_____ I understand that the major is selective and that my application does not guarantee acceptance.

_____ I understand that if I am accepted, I will be involved in group projects and will need to be available to meet with classmates frequently and regularly outside of class time, particularly in the evenings and on weekends.

_____ I understand that a full-time internship (10 weeks, 400 hours) is required the summer quarter after I complete my coursework and that I will plan ahead for this financially. (Check with Financial Aid Office if you receive financial aid.)

_____ I understand that I must maintain a quarterly and overall GPA of 2.50 and that I must earn a C or higher in all required courses in the major. (I understand that earning Cs in all classes, however, will drop my GPA below 2.50.)

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to contact my major advisor immediately if my GPA drops below a 2.50 or I earn a grade lower than a C in a required course.

_____ I understand that Biology 348, Biology 349, and Chemistry 251 or 351 must be completed before my senior year. If these courses are not completed by this time, I will not be able to progress in the major as scheduled, but may reapply to the major the following year.

_____ I understand that if I do not meet these agreements, I will be dismissed from the program.

______________________________________________________ (Signature)          ________________________ (Date)

If you are not currently enrolled in or have not completed BIO 348, BIO 349, and CHEM 251 or 351, please use the space below to explain your plan for completing these courses prior to your Community Health “senior year.” Make sure to include details about where you will take the class(es), which quarter you will enroll in the course(s), and your contingency plan if you are unsuccessful with the original course completion plan.