



**University of Tennessee College of Nursing
Health Policy Graduate Certificate
Program of Study (effective Summer 2025)**

The College of Nursing, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health (College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences) and the College of Law, offers an interdisciplinary graduate certificate program in Health Policy. Concurrently enrolled University of Tennessee graduate students from all disciplines and community members with a master’s degree or higher and an interest in health and healthcare issues are eligible to apply to the graduate certificate program in health policy. The program aims to prepare leaders, practitioners, researchers, and educators from law, nursing, public health, and other disciplines to be active in various policymaking activities. Course experiences will foster the examination and application of current policy research and the development of skills related to policy analysis, research, program evaluation, and advocacy.

Requirements:

A minimum of four graduate courses are required for the certificate:

- **PUBH 520:** Public Health Policy and Administration; **Law 963:** Health Law Finance and Organization
 - Choose one (3 credit hours) of the above or another course pre-approved by the Health Policy Certificate Coordinator.
- **Elective Course(s):** Selected in consultation with the Health Policy Certificate Coordinator (3 credit hours)
- **NURS 612:** Health and Healthcare Policy (3 credit hours)
- **NURS 614:** Nursing Preceptorship (in Health Policy) (3 credit hours) – culminates with a Health Policy Deliverable
 - Must be separate and distinct from any concurrent degree requirement

Total credit hours may vary based on the student’s academic record, experiences, and objectives. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Sample Schedule				
Y1	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring
	Elective Course (3)	PUBH520: Health Systems, Policy, and Leadership; Law 963: Health Law, Finance, and Organization; or approved alternative course (3)	N612: Health and Health Care Policy (3)	N614: Nursing Preceptorship (in Health Policy) (3)
	Total: 3 hours	Total: 3 hours	Total: 3 hours	Total: 3 hours