

PUBLIC HEALTH - ASSOCIATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Doña Ana Community College 2026-2027 Catalog

(60-64 credits)

NOTE: Students must earn a final grade of C- or better in all required Public Health courses/Technical Requirements and achieve a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0. A grade of C- or better is required in ENGL 1110G Composition I and designated Mathematics courses.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	3
or COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	3
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> 10-11		
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits)</i> ²		
Choose one from the following:		
ASTR 1120G	The Planets Lecture & Laboratory	
or ASTR 1115G	Introduction to Astronomy Lecture & Laboratory	
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
CSCI 1115G	Modern Computing in Practice	
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)	
CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
GEOG 1110G	Physical Geography	
GEOL 1110G	Physical Geology	
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab	
or PHYS 1230G/1230L	Algebra-Based Physics I	
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)</i> ²		
Choose one from the following:		
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	

ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
ECON 1110G	Survey of Economics	
ECON 2110G	Macroeconomic Principles	
ECON 2120G	Principles of Microeconomics Honors	
GEOG 1120G	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 1130G	Human Geography	
POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 1120G	American National Government	
POLS 1130G	Issues in American Politics	
POLS 2120G	International Relations	
JOUR 105G	Media and Society	
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work	
GNDR 2110G	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
GNDR 2120G	Representing Women Across Cultures	
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 or 4 credits) ²		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
Choose one from the following:		
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ENGL 2520G	Film as Literature	
ENGL 2650G	World Literature I	
HIST 1110G	United States History I	
HIST 1120G	United States History II	
HIST 1130G	World History I	
HIST 1140G	World History II	
HIST 1150G	Western Civilization I	
HIST 1160G	Western Civilization II	
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
PHIL 1140G	Philosophy and World Religions	
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i>		
Choose one from the following:		
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ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
ARTS 1145G	Visual Concepts	
ENGL 2310G	Introduction to Creative Writing	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre	
<i>General Education Elective</i> ²		
3-4		
Core Requirements		
<i>Related Requirements</i> ³		
Select 12-14 credits of electives from the following:		
12-14		
HLSC 1510	Medical Terminology	
HLSC 1540	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care	
BIOL 1130G	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors)	
BIOL 2210	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	

CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior
CEPY 2110	Learning in the Classroom
DHYG 2244	Dental Public Health Education
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication
FCST 1130	Interpersonal Skills in Intimate Relationships
FYEX 1110	First-year Seminar
JOUR 105G	Media and Society
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics
NUTR 2110	Human Nutrition
SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work
SPAN 1110	Spanish I
or SPAN 1220	Spanish for Heritage Learners II
Other related requirements may be approved by the department.	
Major Requirements	
<i>Technical Requirements</i> ⁴	16
PHLS 1110G	Personal Health & Wellness ⁵
CHSS 1110	Intro to Health & Community Services ⁶
CHSS 2510	Service Learning ⁷
PHLS 2110	Foundations of Health Education ^{6,7}
PHLS 2120	Essentials of Public Health ⁶
Total Credits	60-64

¹ MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics is required for the Associate of Public Health degree but students may first need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics.

² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/general-education-and-transfer-options/transfer-new-mexico-institutions/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

³ "G" courses may be counted as "Related Requirements" and General Education" requirements, but students must have a total of 60 credits to complete the degree.

⁴ A grade of C- or better is required in all courses listed under Technical Requirements. The CHSS and PHLS courses listed here may be applied toward the bachelor's degree program in Public Health at NMSU.

⁵ PHLS 1110G Personal Health & Wellness is a Technical Requirement for the Associate of Public Health AND an Area IV General Education Requirement. It may be counted for both, but students must complete a total of 60 credits to earn the degree.

⁶ Courses align with those offered at New Mexico State University Las Cruces (main) Campus.

⁷ PHLS 2110 Foundations of Health Education is a prerequisite for CHSS 2510 Service Learning.