# HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES AND INFORMATICS - MINOR

College of Public Health www.kent.edu/publichealth

## **About This Program**

Gain the skills and knowledge needed to work at the intersection of healthcare and technology. As a student in this program, you will learn about health information systems, data analysis and emerging technologies in healthcare. With a growing demand for professionals with these skills, you will be well-prepared for a wide range of careers in the healthcare industry. Read more...

### **Contact Information**

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## **Program Delivery**

- Delivery:
  - Fully online
  - In person
- Location:
  - Kent Campus

### **Admission Requirements**

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

## **Program Requirements**

#### **Minor Requirements**

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Code	Title	Credit Hours	
Minor Requirements			
ETEC 47427	TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING	3	
PH 10001	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH	3	
PH 20010	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS	3	
Minor Electives, choose from the following:			
COMM 43000	COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN		
EMAT 33310	HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION		
ETEC 47400	TRENDS IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY		
ETEC 47403	INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN		
GEOG 49072	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE AND HEALTH		
IT 31002	HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT		
IT 41010	MOBILE APPLICATIONS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
IT 43000	HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEMS		

Minimum Total Credit Hours:			15
VCD	21000	INTRODUCTION TO WEB DESIGN	
UXD	20001	INTRODUCTION TO USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN	
MD	J 21008	SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES	

## **Graduation Requirements**

 Minimum Certificate GPA
 Minimum Overall GPA

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 2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- 1. Explain basic tenants of public health.
- 2. Identify how health informatics improves health care effectiveness and efficiency.
- 3. Describe the how technology informs lifespan learning.
- Explain evaluation methods, e-Health, decision support, and database systems as important information technologies for supporting healthcare decision-making.
- 5. Identify innovative technologies that have the potential to inform and transform public health.

## **Full Description**

The Health and Technologies and Informatics minor provides students with knowledge and skills in public health and information technology. Students who are interested in public health face new challenges and opportunities with technology. Conversely, students in other fields related to technology are often presented with challenges and opportunities related to public health. Drawing on an interdisciplinary focus of public health, education, communication, geography, information, and educational technology, students increase their skill set for practice in an information-intensive health care environment.

Students in this minor will gain knowledge on how information technology is used to organize and analyze health records, health information databases and trends in technology to improve healthcare outcomes. For students with natural science, communication, business, computer, or information technology degrees, the minor courses will expose them to the uniqueness and complexity of work processes in public health and healthcare.