### Health Research Concentration

**Skills**
- Identifies relevant health and community-related research questions.
- Collects and assesses the quality of currently available health data.
- Uses quantitative and qualitative research skills to assist in community-related and health-related surveys and research projects.
- Creates high-quality questionnaires and data collection instruments.
- Collects data in an unbiased manner.
- Implements principles of quality control in data collection.
- Assists in creating appropriate tables and figures using collected data.
- Understands sources of error in research studies (bias and confounding).
- Writes logical reports regarding the research findings.

### Healthcare Management Concentration

**Skills**
- Supports administrative and management functions in public and private health organizations.
- Works with health system managers to plan and organize health services.
- Provides support in human resource management of health institutions.
- Serves as an effective team player in financial planning, budgeting, and management of health service organizations.
- Organizes quality assurance and patient safety programs in hospitals and other health-related institutions.
- Organizes the development and implementation of health management information systems in health organizations.
- Assists in the development and implementation of private health insurance and managed care organizations.

### Community Health Development Concentration

**Skills**
- Conducts assessments of health and social service needs in the community, using appropriate qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Analyzes and interprets information to compare community needs across time and place.
- Promotes volunteerism in community settings.
- Develops community-based programs for key community groups, such as youth and the elderly.
- Collaborates with key stakeholders to assess community needs.
- Engages key stakeholders in community development efforts.
- Applies skills to access information from variety of data bases and generates community needs profiles.
- Initiates programs focused on behavioral change in the community.
- Applies communication skills in a multicultural community setting.

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### Faculty of Public Health

Kuwait University

**BSc Degree program in Health and Community Studies**

**Ministry of Health**
- Primary Healthcare department and clinics
- Health Development Department
- Health Media Centre
- School Health Department
- Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor
- Community Development Department
- Community Development Centers
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Minor Care
- Department of Elderly Care
- Ministry of State of Youth Affairs
- Social Development Center

**Ministry of Education**
- School activities department
- Social services department
- Kuwait University
- Teaching assistant in the faculties of the health sciences centre (after obtaining a Masters degree)
- Ministry of Defense
- Healthcare services department
- Community services department
- Private sector
- Companies providing community development programs.
Introduction:
The Faculty of Public Health (FOPH) started its first academic program titled as BSc Degree in Health and Community Studies in the first semester of academic year 2017/2018.
This leaflet provides information about public health in general and about the Faculty of Public Health, And its BSc program in particular.

What is Public Health?
In brief, public health is how to maintain and improve health and wellbeing in human populations. It refers to actions in society to prevent disease, promote health and well-being, and reduce disease, disability, injury, and premature death in the population as a whole. It identifies the population's health needs, and provides solutions to address those needs, and not only by curing diseases and providing healthcare.

The Faculty of Public Health
The Faculty of Public Health was established on December 2013 by Amiri decree. The faculty includes five departments:
1. Environmental and Occupational Health
2. Epidemiology and Biostatistics
3. Health Policy and Management
4. Public Health Practice
5. Social and Behavioral Sciences

Overview of the BSc in Health and Community Studies program:
The program studies health on the society and community levels. This program will prepare students for general and new positions within government and private health and community service organizations. It will enrich graduates with the knowledge and skills regarding public health, health promotion, management of health organization systems, resource management, determinants of health (what affects health), principles for behavior change, and research and data analysis skills.
The graduate will also learn a range of important and widely-applicable skills:
1. Analysis and assessment of community-related and health-related problems
2. Population health sciences (research, analysis, and interpretation of population data)
3. Promotion of health in communities through assessment and intervention programs
4. Community development and organization
5. Foundations of health-promoting policy and program planning
6. Foundations of health economics and management of healthcare services
7. Leadership and systems thinking
8. Communication skills and report-writing
Graduates will be qualified to work in designated fields of public health and community services whether in the private or government sector.
The BSc Program Concentrations:
The program will take four years (126 credits minimally) to complete, with the same core program in the first three years. In the fourth year, four concentration areas will be offered. Students will choose a concentration after completing two years (four semesters). The table below lists the available concentrations.

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Faculty Admission Criteria for the BSc Program
Students who hold the high school certificate (Science major), or its equivalent, with a minimum percentage of 75% are eligible for admission into the BSc program.
Priority of admission will be given to applicants who have the highest High school cumulative GPA based on the High school percentage and the results of aptitude tests according to the following weighings:
- The High School grades 70%
- English Language Aptitude Test 15%
- Mathematics aptitude test 15%

Important notice: there will be only two available concentrations for the first class and the other two will be available in future years.
After completing two years, the student will apply for their preferred concentration. They will be accepted into the concentration based on their cumulative GPA and seat availability.

Transfer Regulations
Transfer of students from other Kuwaiti faculties will be allowed, according to the regulations of the University and Faculty of Public Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE CONCENTRATION

SKILLS
- Contributes to community needs assessments, program planning, management, and evaluation, using qualitative/quantitative methods.
- Contributes to the design and implementation of health promotion programs and health education materials.
- Contributes to workplace health and safety assessments; acts as an advocate for occupational health and wellbeing.
- Understands the structure and function of health system databases and assists in their management.
- Engages community leaders and others in a participatory process so as to achieve commitment, effectiveness and sustainability.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles, preventive behaviors through health education and health promotion programs.
- Assists in the investigation of health problems in the community, including outbreaks of infectious diseases.

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Food authority
Ministry of defense (health services dept)
Ministry of social affairs and labor (elderly care)
Civil defense authority
Parliament
The public authority of manpower
Oil sector
- Healthcare services
- Occupational healthcare
Private sector
- Private hospitals
- Companies that provide for healthcare services.
- Large industrial companies.