

LGBTQ HEALTH STUDIES (CERT)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023–Spring 2024 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Certificate in LGBTQ Health Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/>) (AS)

Department: Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (<http://louisville.edu/wgs/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): LGBT CET

Program Information

The expansion of health care in the United States and increased awareness of LGBTQ populations have created a need for anyone working in the field of health care (as a practitioner, an administrator, an insurer, or a non-profit) to understand the specific health care needs of LGBTQ persons and common biases against them. This undergraduate certificate program provides students with knowledge about the unique healthcare needs of LGBTQ populations and the past and ongoing discrimination they face in society and the healthcare field.

The certificate requires 15 credit hours of coursework. Nine (9) hours are required, core coursework and six (6) are elective coursework. The required courses are taught by Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGST) faculty and Philosophy (PHIL) faculty. Elective courses are taught by faculty in Communication, Philosophy, Sociology, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Admission Requirements

This is a certificate program for undergraduate students who are already enrolled at UofL. Thus, admission, retention and completion standards are those of the larger University.

Students must be enrolled at the undergraduate level at UofL and be in good standing to be enrolled in the certificate program.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core Coursework		
WGST 301	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	3
WGST 302	LGBTQ and Applied Healthcare	3
PHIL 325	Feminist Medical Ethics	3
Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
WGST 312/ SOC 343	Sociology of Women's Health	
WGST 360/ PHIL 318	Feminist Philosophy	
WGST/HSS 364	Women's Health Issues	
WGST 391	Topics in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies: Social Sciences (Transgender Studies)	

WGST/PHIL 582/BETH 682	Health and Social Justice	
SOC 340	Mental Health and Illness	
SOC 410	Sociology of Aging	
COMM 430	Health Communication	
Minimum Total Hours		15

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a certificate must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.