Many, if not all, research endeavors have implications for health. The doctoral minor in population health provides the methodological foundations for understanding how health is evaluated, how to assess influences on health and how to critically evaluate health related research. In addition, students completing the minor enhance their general understanding of research design and statistical interpretation.

The coursework encompasses the methodological cornerstones of population health and clinical research: epidemiology, health services research, and biostatistics. The electives allow students to emphasize epidemiology or health services research.

The population health minor is open to students in any major field of graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin. Given the necessarily quantitative emphasis of the coursework, a prior one-semester course in biostatistics (such as POP HLTH/B M I 551, B M I/STAT 541 or STAT/F&W ECOL/HORT 571) is required or can be taken simultaneously (prior to B M I/POP HLTH 552) with coursework for the minor.