

HEALTH POLICY, CERTIFICATE

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The La Follette School of Public Affairs welcomes you to reach out to our student services team. Here are some quick steps toward getting what you need. Before getting in touch, be sure to check our website (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-certificate-in-health-policy/>). It is updated regularly and just may hold the answers you seek!

- If you're interested in **learning more about the certificate or would like guidance as a current certificate student**, contact Kelly Otto at klotto@wisc.edu.
- If you're unable to get in touch with Kelly, contact Mary Michaud at mdmichaud@wisc.edu.
- If you're already a certificate student, you can connect with Marie Koko, our Career Services Coordinator, about **careers and internships**: Send her an email at marie.koko@wisc.edu.
- If you have a **technical question** about your DARS report, enrollment, or other things administrative, connect with David Wright-Racette at wrightracette@lafollette.wisc.edu.
- If you're interested in learning more about La Follette's **graduate programs in public and international affairs**, or joint graduate degree programs (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/academics/>) (e.g., MPH/MPA, JD/MPA, PhD/MPA in neuroscience), contact Mo O'Connor, our graduate advisor, at mcoconnor@lafollette.wisc.edu.
- If you're an alumnus, parent, or student who is curious about **how to get involved or contribute to the mission of the La Follette School**, please contact Associate Director Steve Kulig at skulig@lafollette.wisc.edu.

PEOPLE

Please take a few minutes to review La Follette School's list of faculty in Public Affairs (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/about/faculty-and-staff/>) and our research and work in health policy (<https://lafollette.wisc.edu/research/health-and-aging/>).

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CAREERS

Health policy issues affect every resident and community in the United States. Because of its complexity, people working in the health sector benefit from understanding specific terminology, issues, and systems involved in policymaking. Through the certificate in health policy, students will build the knowledge base for this work while also gaining skills in quantitative analysis, communication, writing, critical thinking, and problem-solving. More and more, employers across the health sector value this combination of skills and insights.

Students interested in health care, advocacy, business, or research will earn a credential highlighting highly sought-after skills that, through the fieldwork component of the certificate, they have applied in the context of real-world practice. Focused on evidence-based health policy and practice, courses help students hone skills to gather data and information from a variety of sources, analyze and synthesize the findings, and communicate key insights using clear, concise communication strategies.

Career development is an integral part of the La Follette School experience, with staff members and alumni eager to support and mentor students with diverse interests. Students benefit from networking opportunities, employer visits, professional development seminars, and other services.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
 - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
 - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)

- INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)