

RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH, MINOR

The undergraduate minor in Rural Community Health provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to complete coursework in health care, health policy, biostatistics, epidemiology, rural environmental and occupational medicine with a focus on rural Primary Care. These courses provide students with the basic tools, principles and knowledge to be able to investigate rural health issues and to determine solutions to rural health problems. In addition, completion of this minor will help students create a support network among other students, rural physicians, other rural health and agricultural professionals and rural residents. This minor will assist in keeping students from rural Alabama connected with their rural roots to increase the probability that they will return as rural health practitioners.

Completion Requirements

Students who wish to declare a Minor must meet with a Rural Programs Director and complete the Declaration of Minor Form before the Junior year of enrollment. The Minor requires successful completion (earn a grade of B or better in each course) of 6 credit hours of required coursework and 9 credit hours from the list of approved elective courses (other courses may be substituted with prior approval of the Rural Programs Directors):

Required Courses		Hours
RCH 400	Rural Envir/Occup Health	3
POPH 421	Health Policy & Planning	3
Total Hours		6

Elective Courses (9 hours)		Hours
CHS 220	Health Care in the US	3
CHS 497	Undergraduate Research	1-4
POPH 101	Emergency Medical Services I	3
POPH 220	Intro to Population Health	3
POPH 235	Hlth Equity HC Research Prac	3
POPH 335	Population Reproductive Health	3
POPH 422	Biostatistics	3
RCH 230	Medical Shadowing	2
RCH 423	Indep Stdy Community Med	1 to 6
POPH 423	Basic Epidemiology	3
Total Hours		9