

As an intended Nursing major there is a chance that I will not get accepted into the nursing program here at ODU. As a parallel major to Nursing, I have chosen Public Health. I chose this as my parallel major because it has similar core concepts as many nursing general education requirements. It also looks at the health and well-being on a macro and micro level. An interesting fact about the Public Health major is that it was at first only available online at ODU last year, also I originally applied to ODU as a Public Health major! A career that is attainable with a Public Health degree is a Health Educator. This is a growing profession in today's workforce. People who are health educators teach and promote wellness to people in many environments. Some may be found in hospitals, teaching facilities, public and private education systems, as well as even in corporate America as a resource in the healthcare field. Additional classes that I would take to pursue this major would be Introduction to Technical Writing, Principles of Environmental Health Science, Genetics, Organic Chemistry, and Introductory Physics. I could gain more professional experience for this major by contacting hospitals and health educators in my area and ask if I am able to shadow them or find internships with them. My advisor for this major would remain the same as it is in the College of Health Sciences.