

Public Health Description

Public Health is a multidisciplinary profession that focuses on prevention of disease and promotion of health in populations. The public health disciplines include health policy and management, health services administration, nutrition, biostatistics, epidemiology, oral health, family health, health education and communication, occupational safety and health, environmental health and international and global health.

[American Journal of Public Health](#)

[American Public Health Association \(APHA\); APHA Newspaper; Internships and Fellowships; Student Assembly](#)

[Association of Public Health Laboratories \(APHL\); Laboratory Fellowships](#)

[Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health \(ASPPH\) Fellowships and Internships](#)

[Association of State and Territorial Health Officials \(ASTHO\)](#)

[Association of State Public Health Nutritionists \(ASPHN\) Health Equity Internship Program](#)

[Before You Apply](#)

[Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Ransdell Family Health Professions Readiness and Enrichment Program \(HPREP\)](#)

[CareersinPublicHealth.net](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\); CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Equity \(OMHHE\) Internships and Fellowships in Public Health; CDC Public Health Associate Program \(PHAP\); CDC Undergraduate Student Internships in Public Health](#)

[City University of New York School of Public Health Virtual Admissions Information Chat Sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays](#)

[Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Biostatistics Epidemiology Summer Training \(BEST\) Diversity Program](#)

[Columbia University Summer Public Health Scholars Program \(SPHSP\)](#)

[Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care](#)

[Emory University Rollins School of Public Health Magazine](#)

[Financing Your Public Health Degree](#)

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[Global Health Statistics and Facts](#)

[Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Admissions Information Sessions](#)

[Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Fostering Advancement & Careers Through Enrichment Training in Science \(FACETS\) Summer Program](#)

[Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Magazine](#)

[Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health Summer Internships in Biological Sciences in Public Health](#)

[Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health Summer Program in Biostatistics and Computational Biology](#)

[Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Summer Program in Epidemiology Health, Science, and Society Concentration, Clark University](#)

[Healthy People 2020](#)

[Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Diversity Summer Internship Program \(DSIP\) for Undergraduates](#)

[Johns Hopkins Public Health News Center](#)

[Mass.gov Public Health Blog](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Internships](#)

[Massachusetts Public Health Association \(MPHA\)](#)

[Master of Health Science in Community and Global Health, Clark University](#)
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[Medscape Public Health and Prevention News](#)
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[National Association of Community Health Centers \(NACHC\)](#)
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[National Center for Health Statistics \(NCHS\)](#)
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[United States Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[United States Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#)
[United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Student Opportunities and Training](#)
[University of Arizona Zuckerman College of Public Health Admissions Information Events](#)
[University of Michigan School of Public Health Future Public Health Leaders Program \(FPHLP\)](#)
[University of Michigan School of Public Health Health Management and Policy Summer Enrichment Program \(SEP\) for Undergraduate Students](#)

[University of Washington Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation \(IHME\) Post-Bachelor Fellowship](#)
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[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
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| Degree | MPH (Master's in Public Health), DrPH (Doctorate in Public Health) |
| Program Length | Approximately 2 years for master's degree programs. |
| Professional Schools' Organization | ASPPH (Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health) Academic Program Finder Association of Accredited Public Health Programs (AAPHP) ; AAPHP Student Research Scholarships Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) ; CEPH Degree Program Search ; Accredited Schools and Programs List MPH Schools and Programs Public Health Graduate School Programs Public Health Program Ranking |
| Application Service | SOPHAS (Schools of Public Health Application Service) |
| Academic Admission Requirements | School specific and vary with specialty area, e.g., epidemiology requires science background where policy and management requires more background in management. |
| Admission Exam | GRE |
| Personal Attributes & Experiences | Skills and competencies in the public health disciplines include analytic and assessment, policy development and program planning, communication, cultural competency, basic public health sciences, financial planning and management, leadership and an understanding of systems. |
| Recommendation Letters | Individual letters of support. |