The UMass Amherst School of Public Health and Health Sciences (SPHHS) is a national leader in finding ways to optimize public health and quality of life. The 16th of 51 accredited schools of public health, the SPHHS is renowned for combining research and practice that go beyond the traditional academic disciplines. Our award-winning faculty focus on many pressing public health problems as well as cross-cutting issues such as obesity and diabetes prevention, women’s health, global health, aging and healthy living, and autism spectrum disorders. The School features numerous opportunities for community-based student internships, and experience in clinical and outreach programs and partnerships that promote health and the quality of life in diverse populations.

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- The SPHHS is comprised of the Departments of: Communication Disorders, Kinesiology, Nutrition, & Public Health.
- The Department of Public Health offers graduate program concentrations in Biostatistics, Community Health Education, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, & Health Policy and Management
- The School offers a wide range of academic programs, including Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral degree options in Communication Disorders, Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Public Health.
- The SPHHS also offers flexible fully online academic programs, including the highly-rated online MPH in Public Health Practice program and a new fully online MPH in Nutrition, which remains the only one of its kind.
• **Dr. Lisa Chasan-Taber**, Epidemiology, received over $5.76 million in grant funding from the NIH to develop lifestyle intervention programs aimed at preventing gestational diabetes among Hispanic women. She received the Chancellor’s Medal for her services to the campus.

• **Dr. Rachel Volberg**, Epidemiology, and **Dr. Edward Stanek**, Biostatistics, led a team that received a multi-year, $3.46 million grant from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to study the potential economic and social impact of casino gambling on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

• **Dr. Karen Helfer**, Communication Disorders, received a 5-year, $1.3 million grant from the NIH to study aging and speech perception.

• **Dr. Mary Andrianopoulos**, Communication Disorders, received a 5-year, $1.25 million award from the U.S. Department of Education to help train over 40 Masters students in speech-language pathology with a specialization in Autism Spectrum Disorders.

• **Dr. Aline Gubrium**, Community Health Education, has received two awards totaling nearly $1 million from the NIH and the Ford Foundation to study culturally-centered approaches to health promotion.

• **Dr. Nicholas Reich**, Biostatistics, was part of a team receiving a $2.5 million grant from the NIH to study dengue fever in Thailand. Reich will received nearly $700,000 of the total grant award.

• **Dr. Elizabeth Bertone-Johnson**, Epidemiology, received a 2-year, $390,000 award from the NIH to study links between PMS and hypertension.

• **Dean Marjorie Aelion** has been elected to serve as secretary/treasurer of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH).

• **Dr. Elena Carbone**, Nutrition, received the University’s Distinguished Academic Outreach Research Award.