PUBLIC HEALTH....NOW WHAT?

Check out the American Public Health Association (www.apha.org) for more information on careers in public health.

Research, health promotion, education, management, and policy development are some of the many focal areas for public health professionals. Public health careers offer something for everyone. Epidemiology and biostatistics involve mathematics and modeling. Environmental health includes a wide range of science skills. Health administration incorporates business and management skills. Health education involves skills required to develop community-wide prevention programs. Health policy includes an understanding of the law and law-making process. The variety of public and private sector careers in public health means that there are a wide range of public health career opportunities that could fit your personal goals.

WHAT AREAS CAN YOU WORK IN WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE?

- Health Policy and Management
  - Academic Policy Advisor
  - Legislative Policy Advisor
  - Management Policy Advisor
- Epidemiology
  - State Epidemiologist
  - Research Epidemiologist
  - Pharmacoepidemiologist
- Behavioral Science and Health Education
  - Behavior Scientist
  - Health Educator
  - Mental Health Educator
- Health Communications
  - Communications Specialist
  - Journalist
- Occupational Safety and Health
  - Corporate Medical Director
- Environmental Health Sciences
  - State Environmentalist
  - Federal Environmentalist
- International and Global Health
  - Reproductive Health Specialist
  - International HIV Specialist
  - Tropical Disease Specialist
- Public Health Preparedness and Function
  - State Epidemiologist
  - Laboratory Director
  - Public Health Lawyer
- Oral Health
  - Public Health Dentist
- Family Health
  - Local Health Officer
  - Nurse Educator
  - Nutritionist
JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

It has become difficult to advance in the field of public health without significant experience or a master’s level degree. With a bachelor’s degree, look for entry-level positions, often working in a support role. Bachelor’s graduates may also qualify to work as health education teachers after the additional completion of a state-approved educator program. Organizations in smaller or rural communities, or communities abroad, may be more flexible about hiring public health professionals with undergraduate degrees.

INTERNSHIP / JOB SEARCH LINKS

APHA Public Health Career Mart (www.apha.org/about/careers)


Bio Careers (www.biocareers.com)

Boston Public Health Commission (http://www.bphc.org/workingwithus/careers/Pages/Careers.aspx)

Bottom Line (http://www.bottomline.org/for-students/college-support/employment/jobs.aspx) 

Brad Traverse Jobs (http://www.bradtraverse.com/)- policy related

City of Boston (http://www.cityofboston.gov/ohr/careercenter/)

Explore Health Careers (http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/Field/11/Public_Health)

Go Abroad (http://www.goabroad.com/)

Go Overseas (http://www.gooverseas.com/internships-abroad/healthcare)

Health Promotion Career Network (hpcareer.net)

Idealist (http://www.idealista.org/)

Indeed (http://www.indeed.com/)

Isla International Service Learning Alliance (http://isla-serve.org/internships/prospective-interns)

LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/)

Mass Health & Human Services Division (http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/)

MHA Hospital Jobs in MA ( http://www.mahospitalcareers.com/)

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MPHProgramsList.com (http://mphprogramslist.com/public-health-internship-opportunities/)

NACCHO National Association of County & City Health Officials (http://careers.naccho.org/jobs/)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Jobs (www.job.nih.gov)

National Network of Public Health Institutes (http://nnphi.org/news-events/careers-2)

Partners In Health (http://www.pih.org/pages/employment)

Projects Abroad (http://www.projects-abroad.org/)

Public Health Institute (http://www.phi.org/about-phi/employment/)

PublicHealthJobs.net (www.publichealthjobs.net)

The Nonprofit Network (http://thenonprofitnetwork.org/)

Tufts Medical Center (http://jobs.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/)

UMass Amherst’s database of jobs and internships

UMass Amherst Public Health website information on internships for credit etc… (http://www.umass.edu/sphhs/public-health/undergraduate-degree-program-academic-advising/internships)

UMass Public Health Internship, Practicum & Volunteer Opportunities Look for Fellowships, Scholarships, Employment Opportunities and check out Career Resources as well http://www.umass.edu/sphhs/outreachworkforce-development/internship-practicum-volunteer-opportunities

USA Jobs (www.usajobs.gov)

NATIONAL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) (http://www.ahrq.gov/about/vacancy.htm)

Bureau of Labor Statistics (http://www.bls.gov/)

Centers for Disease Control (CDC Jobs) (www.cdc.gov/employment/)
Also, check out Public Health Training Fellowships (www.cdc.gov/fellowships/)

http://www.cdc.gov/fellowships/studentinternships.html

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (www.hhs.gov/careers/)
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Environmental Protection Agency (http://www.epa.gov/jobs/)
Federal Jobs Network (http://www.federaljobs.net/)
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) (www.cdc.gov/niosh)
National Institutes of Health (NIH) (www.jobs.nih.gov)
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) (www.osha.gov)
Peace Corps (http://www.peacecorps.gov/)
U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov/hrd/www)
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (http://www.hhs.gov/)

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS
Bill & Mellinda Gates Foundation (www.gatesfoundation.org/globalhealth)
Doctors without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres (www.doctorswithoutborders.org)
Family Health International (www.fhi360.org)
International Training and Education Center on HIV (I-TECH) (www.go2itech.org)
The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (www.theglobalfund.org/en)
PATH (www.path.org)
Unicef (http://www.unicef.org/)
Volunteer Match (https://www.volunteermatch.org/)
Washington Global Health Alliance (www.wghalliance.org)
World Health Organization (WHO) (www.who.int/en)
World Wide Service Organizations – if interested document must be emailed just ask Mary Ellen to forward it meliseno@umass.edu

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
American Public Health Association (APHA) (www.apha.org)
Association of Schools of Public Health (www.asph.org)
ASTHO Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (http://www.jobtarget.com/c/search_results.cfm?site_id=10681)

Council on Education for Public Health (http://ceph.org/)

Department of Health (http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/public_health_works/careers/)

Massachusetts Public Health Association (http://www.mphaweb.org/)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) (www.naccho.org)

Society for Public Health Education (http://www.sophe.org/)

This Is Public Health (http://www.thisispublichealth.org/)

What is Public Health? for information on public health and public health careers, visit (www.whatispublichealth.org)

OTHER UNIVERSITY WEBSITES WITH HELPFUL RESOURCES

School of Public Health at Boston University (https://sph.bu.edu/Career-Office/sph-careerlink/menu-id-617857.html)

Harvard School of Public Health jobs (https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGWebHost/searchresults.aspx?PartnerId=25240&SiteId=5341&Function=LinkQuery&LinkId=1236)

Emory School of Public Health (http://www.sph.emory.edu) Public Health Employment Section link

School of Public Health Jobs MN (http://www.ahc.umn.edu/sphjobs/)

OTHER

www.umass.edu/lrc Office of Undergraduate Research & Studies (OURS) located in the Learning Resource Center in the Library 1020 will help find research opportunities.

IMPORTANT TRANSFERABLE QUALITIES TO INCLUDE ON YOUR RESUME (WHETHER YOU’RE PURSUING A JOB IN THE VARIETY OF PUBLIC HEALTH FIELDS OR NOT)

Analytical skills. Many public health professionals analyze data and other information to evaluate programs and to determine the needs of the people they serve. Many others must be able to understand and follow current regulations and be able to adapt to new laws.

Instructional skills. There are some fields of public health (such as education) where professionals should be good at teaching and public speaking so that they can lead programs and teach classes.

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**People skills.** Public health professionals interact with many people. They must be good listeners and be culturally sensitive to respond to the needs of the people they serve. Many need to be able to discuss staffing problems and patient information with other professionals, such as physicians and health insurance representatives. They must be able to motivate and lead staff.

**Problem-solving skills.** Public health professionals need to think creatively about how to improve the health of their audience through health education programs. In addition, they need to solve problems that arise in planning programs as they are often responsible for finding creative solutions to staffing or other administrative problems.

**Writing skills.** Public health professionals develop written materials to convey health-related information. They also write proposals to develop programs and apply for funding.

**Communication skills.** Professionals in the public health field must be able to communicate effectively with other health professionals

**Detail oriented.** Public health professionals such as occupational health and safety specialists must pay attention to details. They need to recognize and adhere to specific safety standards and government regulations. Others must pay attention to detail. They might be required to organize and maintain scheduling and billing information for very large facilities, such as hospitals.

**Technical skills.** Some professionals in the field must be able to use advanced technology. They often work with complex testing equipment. Many must be able to follow advances in health care technology. For example, some may need to use coding and classification software and electronic health record (EHR) systems as their facility adopts these technologies.

Some information taken from Occupational Outlook Handbook, University of Washington School of Public Health, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, and www.whatispublichealth.org