



Career Options in **PUBLIC HEALTH**

As medicine continues to advance, so do disease and poverty. In recent years, we have seen the devastating effects worldwide of infectious diseases like AIDS and tuberculosis. If you study public health, you'll learn how government actions; access (and lack of access) to health care; communication and education; and funding all factor into the spread, treatment, and prevention of disease. Your course work will cover epidemiology (the science concerned with the spread and control of disease), preventive medicine, health economics, and health ethics. Students of public health prepare for careers evaluating and managing programs that address wide spread health threats.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS: Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of occupations related to this major. Specific requirements based on education level for each occupation may vary. For additional information and assistance, please speak with a Career Center Consultant.

Biostatistics

Data Management Director
Director of Clinical Trials
Program Evaluation Analyst

Epidemiology

Director of Infectious/Chronic Diseases
Outcomes Researcher
CDC Investigator

Health Services Administration

Hospital/Managed Care Administrator
Program Evaluation & Planning
Information Systems Manager

Health Services Research Analyst
Policy Analyst

Health Education/Behavioral Science

Consumer Information Director
Program Planning & Evaluation
Health Promotion Specialist

Environmental Health

Waste Management Specialist
Pollution Control Program Director
Industrial Hygienist
EPA Researcher/Administrator

SAMPLE WORK SETTINGS:

Correctional Institutions
Governmental agencies
Non-profit organizations
Community Development
International Development
Public Policy and
Administration

Hospitals
Cultural Institutions
Residential Centers
Assisted living facilities
Counseling
Development and fundraising
Public interest law

Health Care agencies
Educational institutions
Rehabilitation programs
Childcare
Social work
Ministry
Advocacy

RELATED MAJOR SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH MAJORS:

Compassion
Globally aware
Good with numbers and statistics
Determination to improve health worldwide
An interest to inform and education the public

Leadership skills
Research experience
Interpersonal communication
Sense of community
Service oriented

SAMPLE GW RESOURCES:

GW CAREER CENTER RESOURCES: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/>

GWork: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career>

Career Search: <http://www.careersearch.net/gwu>

Career Resource Room:

Books:

Health Care Job Explosion by Dennis V. Damp

Public Health: What it is and How it Works by Bernard J. Turnock

Exploring Health Care Careers (V. 1 & 2)

GW DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/>

Undergraduate Program Information: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/academicprograms/undergraduate.cfm>

Graduate Program Information: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/academicprograms/graduate.cfm>

SAMPLE WEBSITES:

Career Planning Resources and Job Search Resources:

Career Search- Occupational Information: www.collegeboard.org/career/bin/career.pl?runlevel=all#all

Occupational Outlook Handbook: stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm

Human Services Career Network: <http://www.hscareers.com/>

US Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/careers>

HS People: <http://www.hspeople.com/>

American Public Human Services Association: <http://www.aphsa.org/Job/Searchjob.asp>

Idealist: <http://www.idealists.org>

US Government Jobs: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

Association of Schools of Public Health: <http://www.publichealthjobs.net/>

Rollins School of Public Health Career Connection: <http://cfusion.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/phec.cfm>

Hospital Administration Jobs: www.hospitaljobsonline.com

Healthcare resumes and job links: www.jobscience.com www.jobadministrator.com

Health Executive and Healthcare Management: www.pohly.com/admin1.html

The Riley Guide: <http://www.rileyguide.com/health.html>

What is Public Health?: <http://www.asph.org/>

Professional Organizations & Associations:

American Public Health Association: <http://www.apha.org/>

Links for many Public Health Organizations: <http://www.phf.org/links.htm>

Society for Public Health Education: <http://www.phf.org/links.htm>

National Association of County and City Health Officials: <http://www.naccho.org/>

State Public Health: <http://www.statepublichealth.org/>

Agency for Healthcare, Research, and Quality: <http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/>

US Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov/default.htm>

Maternal and Child Health Bureau: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/>

The World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/en/>

Association of Schools of Public Health: <http://www.asph.org/>

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