



## 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](http://www.collegeboard.org/career/bin/career.pl?runlevel=all#all)

Occupational Outlook Handbook: [stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://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](http://www.hospitaljobsonline.com)

Healthcare resumes and job links: [www.jobscience.com](http://www.jobscience.com) [www.jobadministrator.com](http://www.jobadministrator.com)

Health Executive and Healthcare Management: [www.pohly.com/admin1.html](http://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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