



## UIS CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

### What Can I Do with a Master's in Public Health?

The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies describes the profession of public health as “What we as a society do collectively to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy.” Few endeavors have more potential to impact the future of humankind, particularly as the population ages, environmental risk increases and diseases become more virulent. This program will prepare you to become a competent public health practitioner. It will also prepare you to navigate the non-medical forces influencing public health, such as access and the delivery of services. The following serves as a guide, but the career information and possibilities are not limited to the below list.

#### Public Health Related Skills

- Active Listening Skills
- Attention to Detail
- Care and Concern for Others
- Critical Thinking & Analysis
- High Stress Tolerance
- Independence and Hard Work
- Interpersonal Communication
- Knowledge of Law-Making Process
- Mathematical and Statistical Skills
- Motivation and Initiative
- People Skills
- Time Management
- Understanding of Government
- Written Communication Skills

#### Related Career Titles

(Some career titles may require additional experience or education)

- Academic Policy Advisor
- Air Pollution Inspector
- Behavior Scientist
- Biostatistician
- CEO, Medical Center
- Child Immunization and Health Advisor
- Communications Specialist
- Community Health Specialist
- Corporate Medical Director
- Data Analyst
- Data Analyst
- Dietitian
- Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- Environmental Emergency Response Expert
- Environmental Planner
- Health and Safety Specialist
- Health Coordinator
- Health Educator
- Health Information Exchange Project Manager
- Health Planner
- International HIV Specialist
- Journalist
- Laboratory Director
- Legislative Policy Advisor
- Local Health Officer
- Management Policy Advisor
- Nutritionist
- Pharmaco-epidemiologist
- Public Health Dentist
- Public Health Lawyer
- Public Health Nurse
- Regional Response Planner
- Reproductive Health Specialist
- Research Epidemiologist
- Research Project Manager
- Risk Assessor
- State/Federal Environmentalist
- Tropical Disease Specialist

## Employers of Master's in Public Health Degree Holders

- Colleges and Universities
- Corporations and Businesses
- Diagnostic Centers
- Elementary and Secondary Schools
- Environmental Agencies
- Government Bureaus
- Hospitals and Medical Facilities
- Legal Offices
- Local, State, Federal Government
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Political Campaigns and Lobbyists
- Research Laboratories and Organizations

## Job Posting Sites

ASTHO Employment Opportunities <http://www.astho.org/> Click "Careers"

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Vacancies <http://www.ahrq.gov/about/vacancy.htm>

Emory Public Health Connection <http://cfusion.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/phec.cfm>

Public Health CareerMart <http://www.apha.org/about/careers/>

Public Health Jobs <http://www.publichealthjobs.net/>

Public Health Jobs <http://www.publichealthjobs.com/>

UIS Career Development Center <http://www.uis.edu/careerservices>

University of Illinois Alumni Association Career Center <http://www.uiaa.org/careers>

World Health Organization Employment <http://www.who.int/employment/vacancies/en/>

Worldwide Public Health Jobs <http://www.jobspublichealth.com/>

## Career Planning Links

Become a Public Health Professional  
[http://www.allalliedhealthschools.com/faqs/public\\_health.php](http://www.allalliedhealthschools.com/faqs/public_health.php)

Certified in Public Health Exam <http://www.publichealthexam.org/>

Epidemic Intelligence Service <http://www.cdc.gov/eis/index.htm>

Explore Health Careers <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org/en/index.aspx>

Health Career Connection <http://www.healthcareers.org/main/careers.htm>

Pathways to Public Health <http://www.pathwaystopublichealth.org/>

Pfizer Public Health Group <http://www.pfizerpublichealth.com/partnerships.aspx>

UIS Career Development Center <http://www.uis.edu/careerservices>

UIS Public Health Program <http://www.uis.edu/publichealth/>

What is Public Health? <http://www.whatispublichealth.org/careers/index.html>

## Professional Affiliations

American Public Health Association <http://www.apha.org/>  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials <http://www.astho.org/>  
Association of Schools of Public Health <http://www.asph.org/>  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/>  
Food and Drug Administration <http://www.fda.gov/>  
Illinois Department of Public Health <http://www.idph.state.il.us/>  
Illinois Public Health Association <http://www.ipha.com/>  
National Association of County and City Health Officials <http://www.naccho.org/index.cfm>  
National Health Council <http://www.nationalhealthcouncil.org/>  
Partners in Information <http://phpartners.org/>  
Partnership for Prevention <http://www.prevent.org/>  
Sangamon County Department of Public Health <http://www.scdph.org/>  
University of Illinois Alumni Association <http://www.uiiaa.org/spfld/>