Why Public Health?

Public health is a field of action and impact. It is the perfect area to help communities on a grand scale—and the demand is growing. From epidemiology to environmental public health, health care administration to biostatistics, the variety of disciplines within public health presents an array of opportunities to provide health solutions for all.

Communities throughout the world need more people invested in creating a healthier population. Why not you?

Employment

With the variety of specializations at The Ohio State University College of Public Health, it is no surprise that our graduates embark on their professional careers in many job sectors and fields. While some of our graduates take their talents to agencies overseas, like the World Health Organization and Peace Corps, others use their skills at health departments and hospitals right here in Ohio, like the Ohio Department of Health and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Public Health Buckeyes earn distinguished roles at federal agencies like the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while others go on to help companies large and small develop prevention programs to ensure a healthier employee population.

With a degree from the College of Public Health, there are no limits to the opportunities you’ll have to make a difference.

40 million new health workers needed by 2030 due to increased rates of non-communicable diseases and aging populations, according to the World Health Organization.
WHY PUBLIC HEALTH AT OHIO STATE?

We at Ohio State’s College of Public Health are dedicated to academic achievement, meaningful research and community engagement. We seek to understand the forces that affect public health and the delivery of health services through interdisciplinary research. We develop solutions to current and emerging public health problems through collaboration with government agencies and other key partners.

With so many resources at our fingertips, we prepare the next generation of public health practitioners, health care leaders and scholars.

Our wet labs were the first to receive “Green Buckeye” certification, demonstrating our commitment to ecologically sustainable practices.

The College of Public Health and its programs are fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the nationally recognized accrediting body for schools of public health.

The Master of Health Administration program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME), the primary accrediting agency for health management education.
Cunz Hall’s LEED silver certification was made official in 2013 by the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the most widely used green building rating system in the world.
ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

We became the first accredited public health college in Ohio in 2007, but our story doesn’t begin there. Our institution has roots dating back to 1914, in Ohio State’s department of medicine. As the field of public health grew throughout the years, so did we.

Today we reside in Cunz Hall, nestled between central campus and the Wexner Medical Center. Our college is organized by divisions and centers that house our successful programs in teaching and learning, research, practice, and outreach and engagement.

DIVISIONS
Biostatistics
Environmental Health Sciences
Epidemiology
Health Behavior and Health Promotion
Health Services Management and Policy

CENTERS
Center for Excellence in Regulatory Tobacco Science (CERTS)
Center for Health Outcomes, Policy and Evaluation Studies (HOPES)
Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP)
OUR DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH)
- Environmental Public Health
- Public Health Sociology

Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Biomedical Informatics
- Biostatistics
- Clinical Translational Science
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Health Behavior and Health Promotion
- Program for Experienced Professionals/
  Population Health Management and Leadership
- Veterinary Public Health

Master of Health Administration (MHA)
- Health Care Administration

Master of Science (MS)
- Biomedical Informatics
- Biostatistics
- Environmental Public Health (Interdisciplinary)
- Epidemiology

Graduate Certificate
- Global One Health

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Biostatistics (Interdisciplinary)
- Environmental Public Health (Interdisciplinary)
- Epidemiology
- Health Behavior and Health Promotion
- Health Services Management and Policy

Undergraduate Minors
- Epidemiology
- Global Public Health

Graduate Minor
- Public Health Behavior and Promotion
Dual/Combined Degrees
Public health is everywhere, which is why we offer dual or combined degrees with the colleges of engineering, public affairs, business, social work, medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and law.

BSPH+MPH in 5 Years
We offer a combined BSPH/MPH program for BSPH undergraduate students with outstanding academic records to encourage the best students to pursue advanced degrees. This allows well-qualified undergraduates to start graduate study before completing their BSPH degree.

MHA Ranking and Accreditation
The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program is ranked No. 10 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. It is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME), the primary accrediting agency for health management education.
WE’RE HERE FOR YOU

The College of Public Health is committed to providing helpful, knowledgeable staff to assist students every step of the way. Our passionate, dedicated and experienced advisors provide student-centered academic advising and career services to ensure the success of all our students, from application to graduation and beyond.

ADMISSIONS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic record, leadership, work and volunteer experiences, and potential for success from a competitive pool. The criteria for admission vary based on the program to which a student is applying.

COMPETENCIES

Faculty have adopted and established competencies for all degrees, programs and specializations. The competencies are based on accreditation requirements information gathered from applicable professional organizations, external advisory committees and employers, and applicable governmental standards and professional guidelines.

RESEARCH

The College of Public Health’s interdisciplinary research activities address some of the greatest challenges of our day, like finding solutions to health access and improving water quality.

PRACTICUM, INTERNSHIPS AND CAPSTONE

Practicum, research, residency and internship opportunities are all part of our curricula. The requirements vary based on program and degree.

FACULTY ADVISING

Undergraduate students are advised by professional staff to facilitate student achievement of academic goals in a timely manner. Graduate students are assigned a faculty advisor at the beginning of their studies based on their degree program and interests.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Public health students may choose to complete international experiences while pursuing their studies to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real world international health and health care issues.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

There are opportunities for students to apply for scholarships and awards within the College of Public Health. Additional awards are available from the university.

ADMINISTRATION

College leadership and staff are committed to advancing the needs of our students. Student leaders meet with administration to partner, develop and implement initiatives to enhance the student experience at the college.
LIFE AT CPH
Students at the College of Public Health experience the best of both worlds. They’re afforded the opportunities and resources that come with attending a large, world-class academic institution, while embracing the familial community of public health professionals and students at the college committed to public health.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
We are committed to building an environment where all are welcomed and respected. The College of Public Health Diversity and Inclusion Committee strategically works to address issues of diversity and health that are socially constructed. Members of this committee actively support the college’s efforts to create a public health workforce that reflects the diversity in our world, is culturally competent and prepared to address health disparities, and makes meaningful contributions to public health. We create safe spaces and serve as a channel to have difficult and meaningful conversations about issues that impact all of us.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Our students lead and are involved with student organizations that promote awareness and understanding about the field of public health through campus and citywide events. They serve our communities and further develop themselves into the leaders of tomorrow.

ALUMNI NETWORKS
Our public health alumni—over 3,200 of them—are employed across the world in hospitals, private business, government agencies and more. With help from our two alumni societies, students have many opportunities to connect to those who have come before them.
WHY OHIO STATE?

Pursuing your public health education at The Ohio State University connects you to one of America’s leading public research universities. Founded in 1870 as a land-grant university, Ohio State now has one of the largest single college campus enrollments in the country. Our strength in numbers provides us with vast resources that enhance our students’ experience both in and out of the classroom.

WHY COLUMBUS?

It would be hard to find a city that offers more than Columbus. Ohio’s capital is also our state’s largest and fastest growing city. Home to Fortune 500 companies, one of the world’s largest research institutes and a vibrant cultural scene, the role Columbus plays in our students’ experience is immeasurable. With one of the best job markets in the Midwest, Columbus isn’t just a great place to get a degree, it’s also a great place to launch a career.

Health Sciences and Wexner Medical Center

As one of seven health sciences colleges at Ohio State, the College of Public Health is part of the most comprehensive health sciences campus in the country.

Our connection to the Wexner Medical Center, listed as one of “America’s Best Hospitals” in U.S. News & World Report, strengthens the research and career opportunities our students have.
The Veterinary Public Health specialization within the MPH program at Ohio State provides students with the public health credentials to serve as leaders in zoonosis prevention and control programs in the United States and around the world.

Students will gain an understanding of the epidemiology and ecology of zoonotic and foodborne diseases in pet animal, livestock and human populations. Students also learn about animal population systems, including the roles of companion and food-producing animals in society, food production and distribution systems, food safety and food security, and intervention strategies.

MPH students complete a practicum and culminating project or master thesis. The practicum enables students to observe and learn from professionals in the field. The culminating experience is completed near the end of the program so that students have the advantage of drawing on and synthesizing their academic experience.

“I am passionate about understanding the human-animal interface of disease in order to build the capacity to protect people. I closely identified with the values and objectives of Ohio State’s Veterinary Public Health program and felt it would be the best fit for my education and career goals.”

- Elena Mircoff
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