Our department studies the cultural and behavioral factors that influence health in order to develop innovative methods for prevention and treatment. We aim to train and cultivate behavioral and community health professionals who understand the theory and practice of public health and are committed to applying this knowledge to tackle current and emerging public health issues.

Our graduates are prepared to navigate the intersections of research, practice, administration and policy development in a world with enormous health challenges — from cancer disparities to mental health disorders to HIV/AIDS. Our alumni find employment opportunities in both the private and public sector including federal, state and local government agencies, government consulting firms, community organizations, public health related associations, universities and colleges, health maintenance organizations, and behavioral and mental health programs.

Current research initiatives include:

- developing cancer prevention programs in faith-based communities,
- preventing and controlling smoking and tobacco use,
- addressing minority health and health disparities,
- and promoting oral health literacy.

“I chose the UMD School of Public Health because of its genuine connection to the community. Maryland offered me the opportunity to really explore my passion for community health—partly because of the very strong community connections, but also with a curriculum that was very much focused on applied community health work.”

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