Public health strives to protect and promote the health of individuals, families, communities and populations, locally and globally. Public health professionals work collaboratively with communities where they live, learn, work, play and pray through innovation, investigation, education and service. People who work in the fields of public health are helping to solve the world’s most pressing health problems and saving lives everyday. The University of Maryland School of Public Health approaches complex and emerging public health issues through an interdisciplinary lens to reduce risk of death and disease and promote health equity.

DIVERSE EXPERTISE
Our school brings together the strengths of all the traditional public health disciplines, and benefits from collaborations with leaders in fields as varied as engineering, arts and humanities, business and public policy.

In addition to the traditional disciplines of public health, our school is also home to a Department of Kinesiology and a Department of Family Science, which bring unique strengths through examining the roles that physical activity and families play in personal and population health. Our graduates use this broad public health lens to navigate the intersections of research, practice, planning, evaluation, administration and policy development in commitment to advancing a better state of health.

Photo: MPH students and community residents prepare to conduct a random household survey in Capitol Heights, Maryland to inform a health literacy campaign funded by the Prince George’s County Health Enterprise Zone project.
THE MPH CURRICULUM
All MPH students complete a course series that provides training around the five foundational areas of public health called the “Public Health Core,” consisting of the following:

- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Behavior
- Health Services and Administration

Many courses are offered in the evening, giving students the opportunity to enroll in the MPH on a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time students generally complete the MPH in two years.

PRACTICUM
MPH students also participate in a practice experience that is relevant to their area of specialization. These opportunities take place in a variety of agencies and organizations and have included:

- National Institutes of Health
- American Kidney Foundation
- Kaiser Permanente
- USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Relief
- National Center for Health Statistics
- HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau

CAREER PROSPECTS
Graduates from our MPH programs go on to excel in various public health practice and research initiatives in academia, governmental agencies, community-based organizations and the private industry. Alumni hold the following job titles, among others:

- Health Educator
- Community Planner
- Policy Analyst
- Program Manager
- Research Associate
- Epidemiologist
- Emergency Responder

TO APPLY
Application to the University of Maryland School of Public Health is a two-step process. You will begin your application with SOPHAS (www.sophas.org) and complete a supplemental application for the University of Maryland, College Park.

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