Our department focuses on research and training designed to eliminate disparities in health, improve health care delivery and management, create effective health policy, and finance public health services’ delivery to achieve the best in population health outcomes.

We prepare students for research and careers that address critical issues such as improving quality and controlling costs in health care, reducing health disparities, and improving population health. Because the state of Maryland is a national leader in health care reform and has a racially and ethnically diverse population, students have the opportunity to work on initiatives to bring affordable health care to Maryland’s most vulnerable populations. Students also benefit from contact with Washington DC-based health care associations, non-profit organizations and federal programs.

Our faculty members conduct a wide array of interdisciplinary research that spans the fields of health services research, health economics, medical sociology, and policy analysis. To tackle the complex problems of health care delivery and financing, the faculty use a diverse set of methodological tools, from quantitative analysis of big data to mixed-methods and qualitative research.

The department offers several degree programs: PhD – Health Services, MHA - Health Administration, MPH - Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation, MPH - Health Equity, online MPH - Public Health Practice and Policy, and an online Certificate - Principles of Public Health.

In addition, the department works in partnership with the Maryland Center for Health Equity and houses the Center on Aging.

“The doctoral program in Health Services allowed me to tailor the program to my needs and my interests. My advisor was very supportive and committed to helping me get the data, get the knowledge and get my degree.”

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GRADUATE DEGREES OFFERED

Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services
Engage in interdisciplinary training and research focused on economic and policy analysis relevant to health services and health equity, with a particular emphasis on federal and state health policy and the Affordable Care Act.

Master of Health Administration
Develop a strong knowledge base in health care management and health services delivery systems in an era of health-care reform.

Master of Public Health, Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation
Train as a public health researcher/practitioner focused on the understanding, analysis, evaluation, and development of health policy. Benefit from internship opportunities in the DC area and proximity to federal government and agencies tasked with developing and implementing health policies.

Master of Public Health, Health Equity
Develop a strong knowledge base in the recognition, description and elimination of health disparities. This unique interdisciplinary program with opportunities to take courses across all departments on campus gives students flexibility in designing their course structure.

Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy
Gain the knowledge, skills and resources needed to assume leadership roles in addressing important public health policy, practice and management issues nationally and globally. This blended learning program is designed for working professionals.

Certificate, Principles of Public Health
Get a foundation in areas of public health, including data collection and analysis, policy, health care systems, communication, ethics, and leadership, in this online 14-credit program designed for working professionals.

THE SCHOOL

Ranked 22nd among all schools of public health by U.S. News & World Report in 2015, we are a dynamic and growing school located at one of the nation’s top-ranked public research universities. Our vision is to be a leader in the discovery, application, and dissemination of public health knowledge in the state of Maryland, the nation, and the world. Faculty and students are involved in a broad range of scientific endeavors that advance knowledge through basic and applied research aimed at understanding and enhancing health and well-being across the lifespan. With a strong emphasis on promoting health equity and justice, many of our programs involve community-based participatory research and translational investigations, leading to dissemination of research findings into practice for the community, individuals and for health care settings.

With over 2,500 students in 25 different degrees and academic programs, our School of Public Health prepares students to tackle longstanding and emerging public health issues and make meaningful contributions to the health and welfare of individuals and society. We do this utilizing the tools of traditional public health disciplines, and in collaboration with fields as varied as engineering, arts and humanities, business and public policy.

THE UNIVERSITY

A global leader in research, entrepreneurship and innovation, Maryland is ranked No. 21 among public universities by U.S. News & World Report and No. 14 among public universities by Forbes. The Institute of Higher Education, which ranks the world’s top universities based on research, puts Maryland at No. 38 in the world, No. 29 nationally and No. 13 among U.S. public research institutions.

Located “inside the beltway” just minutes from the nation’s capital, the University of Maryland, College Park campus provides unparalleled access to unique opportunities for internships and research experiences in public health, including placements at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the CDC Washington Office, other agencies and offices in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s National Medical Center, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and many other national, state, and local health agencies. In addition to being a vibrant hub of research and policy, the D.C. area’s rich and diverse culture make it an especially lively, friendly, and accessible community where students, faculty and staff can thrive professionally and personally.

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