BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Bachelor of Science in Community Health degree program prepares students to understand and address individual, community, and societal factors impacting health. Community health professionals strive to improve the public's health through education, promotion of healthy behaviors and environments, and research on disease and injury prevention.

Community health is a diverse and dynamic field. With this degree, graduates work as educators, journalists, researchers, administrators, community advocates, social workers, and laboratory scientists to protect public health.

WHAT OUR GRADUATES DO

Community health is a field geared toward serving others. Community health professionals serve local, national, and international communities. They are leaders who meet the exciting challenges in protecting health today and in the future.

Through our applied, hands-on approach, our majors transition from college students to prepared and engaged health professionals, securing early career positions in settings such as government agencies, non-profit organizations, hospitals, health departments, managed care organizations, and private companies.

Graduates who majored in Community Health are:

- Supporting international health organization programs
- Performing health-related assessments at work sites
- Providing education and advocacy for nonprofit organizations
- Creating health communication and marketing messages
- Serving as consultants on disease prevention campaigns
- Conducting air quality sampling and surveying
- Serving in the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps, planning and creating healthy environments for underserved populations
- Performing patient outcome research for health insurers

MORE INFORMATION

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

• “The Community Health major makes you think outside the box and exposes you to real world settings, all with a small cohort of students and great faculty.”

• “I am so grateful to have had this experience. It’s a genuine introduction to the real world of professional employment in a community health setting, while still being an undergraduate.”

• “The passionate professors inspired and strengthened my own passion for health and wellness.”

OUR DEPARTMENT

Our department’s exceptional faculty members are nationally and internationally recognized for their scholarship, teaching, and service and are dedicated to helping students succeed. Our location and connections allow us to provide students with unparalleled opportunities for experiences with federal, state and local government agencies, think tanks, universities, hospitals and wellness centers, corporations, community coalitions and public health-related non-profits.

OUR PROGRAM

To earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health, a student must complete at least 120 credits comprised of CORE or General Education requirements, major courses, and electives.

Just a few of our exciting courses include:
  • Global Health Messages: Understanding Exposure & Impact
  • Poverty in America
  • Human Sexuality
  • Research in Community Health
  • Drugged, Drowsy and Distracted Driving: Traffic Safety Issues for the Millenium
  • Minority Health
  • Communicating Safety and Health
  • Epidemiology for Public Health Practice
  • Portrayal of Drug Use and Addiction on Screen: Did Hollywood Get it Right?

All students participate in a Community Health internship during their final semester. Internship opportunities are wide-ranging and representative of the types of jobs students secure after graduation.

Students who graduate from our program move into community health positions or continue on to graduate programs in public health, medical school, or allied health programs to become nurses, physician’s assistants, and physical therapists. Our curriculum includes job search training and professional etiquette so students can move easily from the classroom to the workplace.

ABOUT THE UMD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The University of Maryland School of Public Health is a dynamic and growing school located at one of the nation’s top-ranked public research universities. While many schools of public health in the country are limited to graduate education, we offer a large undergraduate program serving a highly diverse student body. Both graduate and undergraduate programs contribute to our School initiatives and commitment to advancing a better state of health in Maryland and beyond.

With over 2,000 students in more than 25 different degree and academic programs, our School of Public Health prepares students to tackle complex and emerging public health issues using the tools of traditional public health disciplines, along with our unique expertise in the role physical activity and families play in personal and population health.