Behavioral and community health is a diverse and dynamic field focused on making meaningful contributions in communities to impact health and quality of life. Community health professionals work to improve health through programs that promote health and prevent disease, illness and injury.

Our Bachelor of Science in Community Health degree program will prepare you to understand and address the complex individual, community, and societal factors impacting health. Graduates of our applied, hands-on program work as researchers, administrators, community advocates, educators, social workers, and laboratory scientists to protect public health. Others continue their education in health-related graduate programs.

Students also have opportunities to learn outside the classroom through volunteer work, study abroad opportunities, collaboration with departmental faculty through independent study, work with the University Health Center for credit, and public health-related student groups.

Students may choose from three optional specializations within the major: Health Communication, Special Populations, or Health Risk Behavior.

Some of our courses include:

- Poor in America: Health & Well-Being
- Minority Health
- Global Health Messages: Understanding Exposure & Impact
- Human Sexuality

Community Health majors are immersed in a highly-structured, professionally-focused program designed to transition students into engaged, prepared, and effective public health practitioners. All students participate in a full-time, mentored internship during their final semester.

MORE INFORMATION

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“Community Health major allowed me to do what I love: engage with my community and help others. Now, at Children’s National Health System, I’m gaining hands-on experience in the field of psychiatry, and hopefully changing lives.”

Child Psychiatrist Specialist, Children’s National Health System
What will you do with your Community Health degree?

All data based on the UMD Graduation Survey for the SPH class of 2016 - 2017

92% of recent undergraduates reported having plans after graduation

60% going on to full-time employment

21% continuing their education in graduate & professional fields such as public health, medical school, nursing school, epidemiology, health services administration, biotechnology, and more!

Real Entry Level Jobs

- Child Development Specialist
- Clinical Research Assistant
- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Defense Health Program Analyst
- Health Communications Specialist
- Health and Wellness Coordinator
- Public Health Analyst
- Research and Evaluation Specialist

How Our Majors are Gaining Experience Outside the Classroom

- Internships: 100%
- Student Groups: 42%
- Community Service: 54%
- Part-Time Jobs: 70%
- Research Projects: 25%

35% of employed alumni received more than one job offer

57% of alumni confirmed their post-graduation plans within one month of graduating