OUR PROGRAM

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

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ABOUT THE UMD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
• Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health
• 25 degrees and academic programs
• More than 2500 undergraduates and 300 graduate students
• Most culturally and racially diverse student body at UMD
• Ranked #22 among all Schools of Public Health by US News and World Report
• Unique strengths in family science and kinesiology
• Less than 8 miles from unique opportunities in Washington, D.C.

BEHAVIORAL & 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.
Our Community Health majors have distinctive opportunities to become better prepared and tackle what’s ahead after graduation. Here are some facts about recent graduates!

**93%** of recent undergraduates reported having plans after graduation

**56%** going on to full-time employment

**23%** continuing their education in graduate & professional fields such as public health, medical school, nursing school, epidemiology, health services administration, biotechnology, and more!

**17%** of students found jobs through previous positions & internships

**24%** found jobs through family & friends

**31%** found jobs online

**All data based on the UMD Graduation Survey for the SPH class of 2014-2015.**