WHAT DO PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DO?

Public-health professionals develop programs that encourage individuals and communities to protect, maintain, and improve health and enhance quality of life.

STRONG FACULTY
Highly qualified and committed to student success

ACCREDITATION
One of the first four freestanding undergraduate public health programs in the U.S. to be accredited by the Council for Education in Public Health.

CURRICULUM
Meets national standards

OPPORTUNITIES
Participate in faculty research, international travel and student organizations

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Employment of health educators is expected to grow by 37 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations (U.S. Dept. of Labor).

Our mission is to prepare excellent public-health practitioners and leaders with the knowledge, skills and dedication to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of individuals and communities in North Carolina and beyond.

Our vision is healthy people in healthy communities through public health.
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Where can you work with a public health studies degree?

Public health professionals are employed in a variety of settings, including, but not limited to:

- Public health departments
- Hospitals
- Non-profit health organizations
- Government agencies
- Colleges/universities
- Global health organizations

CONCENTRATIONS

Community Health Education
Prepares students to work as health education specialists in a variety of work settings. Students completing this concentration are eligible to take the national exam to become a certified health education specialist (CHES).

Global Health
Prepares students for careers that are focused on improving the health and well-being of people in low- and middle-income countries. Students in this concentration are also eligible for CHES certification and may choose to complete the requirements for the “Peace Corps Preparatory Program Certificate.”

Pre-Clinical Health
Prepares students with the core public health classes and gives them the flexibility to complete the requirements necessary to apply for admission to a variety of clinical specialties such as medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, pharmacy, physician assistant, nursing, nutrition, etc.

Gerontology 4+1 Master’s Option
Prepares students to work in retirement centers or agencies that serve older adults. Students complete core public-health requirements, plus concentration courses that help them understand aging issues. Those meeting entry requirements may take graduate-level classes their senior year and after receiving a bachelor’s degree, complete a +1 year to earn a master’s degree in applied gerontology.

For more information about this field, the career options, professional opportunities, and the UNCW program, visit uncw.edu/oss/publichealth.html

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