Major in Public Health

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree was offered for the first time in Fall 2016 and is designed to promote an understanding of health and disease based on public health principles. Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play. Public health is concerned with protecting the health of entire populations. These populations can be as small as a neighborhood, or as big as an entire country or world region. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention claims "Public Health connects us all"! Through a data driven evidence-based approach, students will learn to apply social, behavioral, policy, environmental, and educational interventions to help shape population health. Students will also learn how to assess needs of target populations, create program goals and objectives, and develop strategies to foster health behavior change interventions for individuals and communities. Undergraduate preparation in public health provides an interdisciplinary set of content and skills that are readily applicable and transferable to many professions and to post-graduate educational opportunities.

Develop Skills

critical thinking organization analysis
research critical thinking research
enthusiasm research analytics
problem-solving independence

dedication operations monitoring
critical thinking analytics
time management interpretation
active learning negotiation
collaboration ethics
quality problem-solving control
service orientation professionalism
advocacy
quantitative reasoning teamwork

data analysis

Make an Impact

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths...

WHAT

• Researcher
• Health Educator
• Community Health Worker
• Behavioral Scientist
• Wellness Coordinator
• Public Relations Manager
• Epidemiologist
• Disease Prevention Tech

WHERE

• Government
• Community Health Center
• Schools
• Hospitals
• Research Firms
• CDC
• Mental Health Facilities
• Health Departments

• Consulting Firms
• Pharmaceutical Companies
• Environmental Agencies
• Peace Corps
• Fitness/Health Facilities
• Home Health Agencies
• Corporate Companies

...the possibilities are endless.
Explore and Engage with Public Health

- Obtain an internship
- Conduct an informational interview with someone who works in Public Health
- Meet with a faculty member
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan
- Become familiar with government hiring procedures
- Join the Public Health Student Organization at Georgia College
- Talk to your academic advisor
- Connect with Public Health alumni via LinkedIn

Top employers at GC for Public Health majors

- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Jackson Healthcare
- UGA Extension
- Jacob's Ladder
- Georgia Department of Public Health
- CDC

Considering adding a Minor?
These minors can complement the Public Health major

- Rhetoric
- Marketing
- Non-profit Professional Certificate
- English
- Management
- International Studies
- Business Administration
- Global Health Studies
- Management Information Systems
- Women and Gender Studies
- Geography
- Mathematics

Median Starting Salary for Public Health majors

$37,000*  
*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022

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