

# PUBLIC HEALTH

# **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**

written communication analysis research critical thinking enthusiasm research analytics problem-solving independence dedication operations monitoring critical thinking analytics time management organization 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...

VHAT

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

- 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.

# **PUBLIC HEALTH**

# **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

- BusinessAdministration
- 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

#### School of Health & Human Performance

Georgia College 336 Health Sciences Building Campus Box 112 Milledgeville, GA Phone: (478) 445-4072 gcsu.edu/health/shhp/exercise-science-bs



#### **University Career Center**

Georgia College 110 Lanier Hall Campus Box 42 Milledgeville, GA Phone: (478) 445-5384 gcsu.edu/career

