Public Health (Accelerated B.S./M.P.H.)

100% online, UND is the go to university for Public Health.

Fast track your education with an accelerated degree in Public Health. 100% online, you can complete both a bachelor's and master's in Public Health from anywhere in the world. Make an impact on your community, graduates from the M.P.H. program have a 100% employment rate in health-related careers.

Program Snapshot

| Program type: Combined (Major and Master's) |
| Format: Online |
| Est. time to complete: 5 years |
| Credit hours: 150 |

Why Study Public Health at UND?

The Public Health Education bachelor’s program is based on a strong foundation in the health sciences, social sciences and psychology. It prepares students to think critically and scientifically, while enhancing communication skills and leadership experiences with a focus on social justice. Students will be exposed to the ethical principles of public health practice in their work with diverse populations.

Students in the bachelor's program experience:

- **Applied learning experiences.** All students complete a 12-credit internship, engage in service-learning projects, and are encouraged to participate in public health study abroad opportunities.
- **Flexibility and convenience.** UND offers the degree online and prepares students to take the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam.
- **Comprehensive curriculum.** You are exposed to five core areas of public health: epidemiology, biostatistics, social and behavioral sciences, health policy and management, and environmental health.

The Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) program at UND emphasizes, and is enriched by, the diversity and change within the Northern Plains. It covers all required areas for accredited public health programs, including biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, and health management and policy.

Three specializations help you develop the necessary critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills to excel in this field:

- **Indigenous Health** provides you with a critical understanding of determinants and solutions to health disparities. UND’s specialization is the only 100% online Indigenous Health program in the world.
- **Population Health Analytics** prepares you to produce convincing and scientifically sound information about population health, evaluate the effectiveness of interventions, and provide the basis for improving health policies and programs.
- **Health Management & Policy** gives you the skills needed to manage health delivery systems effectively and efficiently, analyze health policies, and communicate to affect change in health policy and management.

Top Public Health Graduate Program in the Nation

Every accredited public health program offers education, but not every program prepares students to make a real impact the way UND does. UND is increasingly regarded as one of the top academic and research institutions in the nation for public health. We consistently rank among the best for educational quality, affordability and career outcomes.

#8 – Best Online Masters In Public Health

#19 – Best Online M.P.H. Program 2018
Priority Application Deadlines

FALL: FEB. 1* (FRESHMEN) | APRIL 15* (TRANSFER STUDENTS)
SPRING: DEC. 1
SUMMER: APRIL 1

*academic scholarship priority deadline

Students seeking the accelerated degree may apply to the School of Graduate Studies after completing 60 credits.

Graduate Application Deadlines

FALL: AUG 1
SPRING: DEC 1

Public Health Highlights

- Learn the principles of evidence-based public health and key elements such as health communications, health policy, law and ethics.
- Earn complimentary graduate certificates in Geographic Information Science (GISc), Policy Analysis or Social Entrepreneurship.
- Join the Public Health Association (PHA), a resource for students and community members interested in aspects of community and public health.
- Become eligible to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Exam after completing the B.S. portion of the program.
- Become eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health (CPH) Exam after completing the M.P.H. portion of the program.

Careers in Public Health

100%
Graduate employment rate in health-related careers

50%
Half of the fastest-growing jobs in the U.S. are in public health with an M.P.H.

What can you do with a master’s in public health?

A master’s degree in public health opens the door for a variety of different jobs. Popular employment areas in public health include:

- Biostatistician
- Epidemiologist
- Health policy analysis
- Medical science
- Public health administration
- Public health education
- Public health statistics

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that public health employment is rising faster than the national average and by the year 2020, the United States is expected to have over 250,000 new job openings in the field of public health.