Public Health Education (B.S.)

Educate the public about healthy practices to improve wellness and quality of life.

Improve the quality of life by preventing illness and disease, and promoting healthy practices. With a degree in public health education, you’ll be qualified to serve the public in community health clinics, hospitals, government agencies, schools, and other organizations.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Major
Format: On-campus or online
Est. time to complete: 4 years
Credit hours: 120

Why Study Public Health Education at UND?

The Public Health Education program is based on a strong foundation in the health sciences, social sciences and psychology. You'll think critically and scientifically, while enhancing communication skills and leadership experiences with a focus on social justice. You will be exposed to the ethical principles of public health practice in your work with diverse populations.

Public health students experience:

- **Applied learning.** 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.** Earn your degree on-campus or 100% online.
- **Opportunities for advancement.** Earn both your undergraduate and graduate degrees at UND in just five years.

You'll study five core areas of public health: epidemiology, biostatistics, social and behavioral sciences, health policy and management, and environmental health. You'll have the option to choose a path that allows you to serve the broader public or one that prepares you to teach health education in schools.

Public Health Education Student

Watch public health education major, Madi Wahlen, in action.

Application Deadlines

**FALL:**
FRESHMEN: FEB. 1* | AUG. 1
TRANSFERS: APRIL 15* | AUG. 1
*ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY DEADLINE
SPRING: DEC. 15
SUMMER: MAY 1
Public Health at UND

- Learn the principles of evidence-based public health and key elements such as health communications, health policy, law, and ethics.
- Understand how community health programs are developed and implemented.
- Apply skills and knowledge in a supervised internship and service-learning projects.
- The major accommodates pre-professional students in areas such as pharmacy, optometry, medicine, and dentistry.
- 100% of our graduates who apply to graduate school are accepted.
- Become eligible to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Exam after completing the program.

Careers in Public Health

36K  Estimated starting salary for public health education graduates*
16%  Job growth outlook for health educators and community health workers through 2026**

*Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health  
**U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

What Can You Do With a Public Health Degree?

The B.S. in Public Health Education will allow you to pursue careers in:

- Public health education, including teaching health in schools
- Health promotion
- Environmental health
- Community, rural and global health
- Epidemiology
- Nutrition
- Health informatics, economics and biostatistics
- Maternal and child health
- Health services research
- Health policy and health planning and assessment
- Wellness program management

Public health practitioners work in a variety of settings such as community health clinics, hospitals, community centers and nonprofit organizations. They also work in corporate and worksite wellness programs.

Another career option is local or state health departments, or local parks and recreation departments that run health and wellness programs.

When You Major in Public Health Education

A Public Health Education degree gives you the strategic skills you need, including:

- Grant Writing
- Statistical Softwares
- Strategic Planning
- CPR
- Microsoft Access

UND Public Health Education Major Alumni
Public Health Education alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Altru Health System
- 2u, Inc.
- Centura Health Corporation
- District Health Department
- Essentia Health