Public Health (M.P.H.)

UND M.P.H. graduates have a 100% employment rate in health-related careers.

With specializations in Health Management & Policy, Indigenous Health and Population Health Research & Analytics, we prepare culturally-competent public health professionals with the motivation, skills, and knowledge to improve population health in the diverse communities of the Northern Plains and beyond.

**Program Snapshot**

**Program type:** Master's Degree  
**Format:** On-campus or online  
**Est. time to complete:** 2 years  
**Credit hours:** 42

**Why Study Public Health at UND?**

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 evidence-based approaches to public health, public health and health care systems, planning and management to promote health, policy, leadership, communication, interprofessional practice and systems thinking.

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 U.S.
- **Population Health Research & 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. This specialization is offered in a hybrid format (online/on campus).
- **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. This specialization is offered 100% online.

You can also earn a bachelor's in Public Health Education and Master's in Public Health in five years, 100% online through our Public Health (Accelerated B.S./M.P.H.).

**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  
- #12 - Best Master's in Public Health Online 2020  
- #15 - Best Affordable Master's in Public Health Online Degrees
Accredited Master's in Public Health

UND’s master's in public health program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Those who complete CEPH-accredited programs are eligible for the Certified in Public Health credential after receiving their degree.

Leaders in Action

Alison Traynor received her online master’s degree in public health and is currently the North Dakota Suicide Prevention Director.

Application Deadlines

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Graduate Degree in Public Health

- Gain real-world experience through a 240-hour practicum with a public health organization.
- Option to study system dynamics modeling in Norway through the semester-long Norwegian Exchange Program.
- Become eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health (CPH) Exam.
- Earn complementary graduate certificates in Geographic Information Science (GISc), Policy Analysis, Social Entrepreneurship.
- Join the student Public Health Association (PHA), a resource for students and community members interested in aspects of community and public health.

Public Health Career Outlook

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:

- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- 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.

Where do our graduates work?

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

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