Transform big public health data through analytics into information for decision-making.

The size of health data is growing exponentially and the skills to mine big data are increasingly valued by public and private health agencies, as well as health care provider and payer organizations. It's why both M.P.H. specializations at UND emphasize this ever-expanding field.

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 biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, and health management and policy.

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

- **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.

Accreditation

The M.P.H. program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

How Online Classes Work

The online M.P.H. degree is offered via synchronous classes. Our distance students connect via live broadcast, attending class, listening to lectures and asking questions alongside your peers.

Application Deadlines

**FALL:** Aug 1  
**SPRING:** Dec 1  

Program Highlights

- 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 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.

Outcomes

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.

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

- 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.