As medicine continues to advance, so do disease and poverty. In recent years, we have seen the devastating effects worldwide of infectious diseases like AIDS and tuberculosis. If you study public health, you'll learn how government actions; access (and lack of access) to health care; communication and education; and funding all factor into the spread, treatment, and prevention of disease. Your course work will cover epidemiology (the science concerned with the spread and control of disease), preventive medicine, health economics, and health ethics. Students of public health prepare for careers evaluating and managing programs that address wide spread health threats.

**SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS:** Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of occupations related to this major. Specific requirements based on education level for each occupation may vary. For additional information and assistance, please speak with a Career Center Consultant.

**Biostatistics**
- Data Management Director
- Director of Clinical Trials
- Program Evaluation Analyst

**Epidemiology**
- Director of Infectious/Chronic Diseases
- Outcomes Researcher
- CDC Investigator

**Health Services Administration**
- Hospital/Managed Care Administrator
- Program Evaluation & Planning
- Information Systems Manager

**Health Education/Behavioral Science**
- Consumer Information Director
- Program Planning & Evaluation
- Health Promotion Specialist

**Environmental Health**
- Waste Management Specialist
- Pollution Control Program Director
- Industrial Hygienist
- EPA Researcher/Administrator

**SAMPLE WORK SETTINGS:**

- Correctional Institutions
- Governmental agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Community Development
- International Development
- Public Policy and Administration
- Hospitals
- Cultural Institutions
- Residential Centers
- Assisted living facilities
- Counseling
- Development and fundraising
- Public interest law
- Health Care agencies
- Educational institutions
- Rehabilitation programs
- Childcare
- Social work
- Ministry
- Advocacy

**RELATED MAJOR SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH MAJORS:**

- Compassion
- Globally aware
- Good with numbers and statistics
- Determination to improve health worldwide
- An interest to inform and education the public
- Leadership skills
- Research experience
- Interpersonal communication
- Sense of community
- Service oriented
SAMPLE GW RESOURCES:

GW CAREER CENTER RESOURCES:  http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/
GWork:  http://gwired.gwu.edu/career
Career Search:  http://www.careersearch.net/gwu
Career Resource Room:
  Books:
    Health Care Job Explosion by Dennis V. Damp
    Public Health: What it is and How it Works by Bernard J. Turnock
    Exploring Health Care Careers (V. 1 & 2)

GW DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION:  http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/
Undergraduate Program Information:  http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/academicprograms/undergraduate.cfm
Graduate Program Information:  http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/academicprograms/graduate.cfm

SAMPLE WEBSITES:

Career Planning Resources and Job Search Resources:
Career Search- Occupational Information:  www.collegeboard.org/career/bin/career.pl?runlevel=all\#all
Human Services Career Network:  http://www.hsCareers.com/
US Department of Health and Human Services:  http://www.hhs.gov/careers
HS People:  http://www.hspeople.com/
Idealist:  http://www.idealists.org
Association of Schools of Public Health:  http://www.publichealthjobs.net/
Rollins School of Public Health Career Connection:  http://cfusion.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/PHEC.cfm
Hospital Administration Jobs:  www.hospitaljobsonline.com
Healthcare resumes and job links:  www.jobscience.com  www.jobadministrator.com
Health Executive and Healthcare Management:  www.pohly.com/admin1.html
What is Public Health?:  http://www.asph.org/

Professional Organizations & Associations:
American Public Health Association:  http://www.apha.org/
Links for many Public Health Organizations:  http://www.phf.org/links.htm
Society for Public Health Education:  http://www.phf.org/links.htm
National Association of County and City Health Officials:  http://www.naccho.org/
State Public Health:  http://www.statepublichealth.org/
Agency for Healthcare, Research, and Quality:  http://www.ahrq.gov/
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  http://www.cdc.gov/
US Food and Drug Administration:  http://www.fda.gov/default.htm
Maternal and Child Health Bureau:  http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/
The World Health Organization:  http://www.who.int/en/
Association of Schools of Public Health:  http://www.asph.org/