

PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

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All participants in Public Health Practice have at least 3 years of professional experience. The most common academic/professional backgrounds of individuals entering a graduate program in Public Health Practice are:

Physician	Dentist	Registered Nurse	Nurse Practitioner
Pharmacist	Social Worker	Occupational Therapist	Physical Therapist
Veterinarian	Hospital Administrator	Dietician	Microbiologist

Job Trends: Most experts agree that advances in health over the next several decades will stem from development and application of population-based prevention programs. Greater emphasis is being placed on health promotion and disease prevention as a means to reduce cost of care and improve the health status of populations. These changes have created a broad array of new opportunities for health care professionals with advanced training in public health practice.

Salary Ranges: Salary ranges will vary depending on professional experience and qualifications along with geographic location and work setting.

Principle Responsibilities	Key Issues	Job Titles	Job Settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program planning and evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget development and management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Health Department Administrator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local/State Health Departments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop public health program goals and priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral Health Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Government
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct surveillance of disease events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coalition building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterinary Epidemiologist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universities and Colleges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate public-private response to public health emergency situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop educational programs and materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data collection and management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Program Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed Care Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data analysis/interpretation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Public Health Nursing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary Health Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand awareness of public health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and supervision of program staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Education Associate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply research and theory to public health practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epidemiology Surveillance Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Health Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration with other public health experts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Nutrition Advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop technical tools for use in public health settings 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Communications Specialist 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Scientist 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Care Policy Manager 	

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