

Public Health

A Public Health Professional works on a variety of projects in a wide range of settings. They may implement educational programs, conduct research on policies and strategies to promote health and wellbeing of communities, and create awareness about important health issues. They may also specialize in certain areas, such as health policy, maternal and child health, epidemiology, global health, rural health, or biostatistics.

They can be employed in health departments, government settings, healthcare offices, and non-profit organizations.

What can I do in High School?	What can I do in College?	What about Graduate School?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take the ACT and SAT. Verify individual school requirements to see if standardized tests are required. 2. Complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal financial aid. 3. Complete College Applications: The Common Application 4. Ask for letters of recommendation. 5. Check out the CFNC, a free resource that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college in NC. 6. Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP, or Transfer Credit. 7. Participate in extracurricular activities such as: sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, and volunteering. 8. Pay attention to deadlines and start planning early! 	<p>Public Health programs require you to have at least a Bachelor’s Degree. You can transfer from a NC community college to a public NC university and still get a Masters in Public Health (MPH).</p> <p>Picking a major does not affect your acceptance into MPH programs as long as you have the general course requirements.</p> <p>Be sure to look at individual school requirements.</p> <p>Other opportunities to distinguish your application include: Shadowing, volunteering, clinical experiences, research, and extracurriculars.</p> <p>In addition, some schools offer a Bachelor’s degree in Public Health - this could be an option if you do not want to get an additional Master’s degree.</p>	<p>MPH programs often require you to take the GRE exam before applying.</p> <p>SOPHAS is the application service for Public Health programs.</p> <p>Applications open about one year before the start of the program and include an application and interviews.</p> <p>MPH programs typically last 2 years. There are 4 MPH programs in NC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNC Chapel Hill • UNC Greensboro • ECU • UNC Charlotte <p>There is also a UNC Chapel Hill MPH program at MAHEC in Asheville!</p>