Public health is a broad discipline whose mission is to fulfill society’s interest in assuring conditions in which people can be healthy. Examples of public health work may include: working to protect the environment, identifying sources of illness in population groups, controlling disease outbreaks, evaluating the economic impacts of changing demographics, developing interventions to promote healthy behavior, and producing health policy legislation. Public health draws from a broad array of disciplines, such as the social and behavioral sciences, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, business, economics, statistics, epidemiology, law and biology, and each provide unique insights for the diverse set of activities involved in public health practice.

Related Occupations

- Behavioral Scientist
- Biomedical Lab Technician
- Biostatistician
- Dentist
- Director of Programs & Services
- Environmental Health Analyst
- Epidemiologist
- Health Communications Specialist
- Health Educator
- Health Services Administrator
- International Health Representative
- Manager of Breastfeeding Initiatives
- Nurse
- Nutritionist
- Physical Therapist
- Physician's Assistant
- Program Manager
- Public Health Lawyer
- Public Health Policy Analyst
- Public Health Practitioner
- Research Scientist

Some of these options require additional training and/or education

Internet Resources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  www.cdc.gov/employment
- CO Department of Public Health and Environment
  sites.google.com/site/cdphehumanresources/Home
- Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service
  www.usphs.gov
- Idealist
  www.idealist.org
- Partners in Information Access for Public Health
  phppartners.org/jobs.html
- Public Health Alliance of CO
  www.publichealthalliance.org/jobs
- Public Health Employment Connection
  cfusion.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/phc.cfm
- Public Health Jobs
  www.publichealthjobs.net
- United States Federal Government
  www.usajobs.gov

Professional Resources

- Administration for Children & Families (ACF)
  www.acf.hhs.gov
- Administration on Aging (AoA)
  www.aoa.gov
- Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
  www.ahrq.gov
- Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry
  www.atsdr.cdc.gov
- American Public Health Association
  www.apha.org/about/careers
- Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
  astho.org
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
  www.cms.gov
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
  www.ihs.gov
- National Association of County & City Health Officials
  www.naccho.org
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  www.nih.gov/icd
- Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
  www.samhsa.gov
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
  www.hrsa.gov/index.html
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  www.epa.gov/epahrist
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
  www.fda.gov