MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH – PULIC HEALTH PRACTICE (EXECUTIVE PROGRAM)



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JOB OUTLOOK

Health Educators (Health Education Specialists)

- Health educators teach people about behaviors that promote wellness. They develop programs and materials to encourage people to make healthy decisions.
- Health educators typically do the following: Assess the needs of the people they serve; Develop programs and events to teach people about health topics; Create and distribute health-related posters, pamphlets, and other educational materials; Evaluate the effectiveness of programs and materials; Help people find health services or information; Supervise staff who implement health education programs; Collect and analyze data to learn about their audience and improve programs; and Advocate for improved health resources and policies.
- Employment of health educators is expected to grow by 37 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by efforts to reduce healthcare costs by teaching people about healthy habits and behaviors.
- As healthcare costs continue to rise, insurance companies, employers, and governments are trying to find ways to curb costs. One way is to employ health educators, who teach people how to live healthy lives and avoid costly diseases. Lifestyle changes can reduce the likelihood of contracting a number of illnesses, such as lung cancer, HIV, heart disease, and skin cancer. Health educators help people understand how what they do affects their health.
- For many illnesses, such as breast cancer and testicular cancer, finding the disease early greatly increases the likelihood that treatment will be successful. Therefore, it is important for people to know how to find possible problems on their own. The need to provide the public with this kind of information is expected to result in an increased demand for health educators.

Health Environmentalists (Environmental Scientists and Specialists)

- Environmental scientists and specialists use their knowledge of the natural sciences to protect the environment. They identify problems and find solutions that minimize hazards to the health of the environment and the population.
- Environmental scientists and specialists typically do the following: Determine data collection methods for research projects, investigations, and surveys; Collect environmental data, such as samples of air, soil, water, food, and other materials, for scientific analysis; Analyze samples, surveys, and other information to identify and assess threats to the environment; Develop plans to prevent, control, or fix environmental problems, such as pollution and harm to land or water; Develop plans to restore polluted or contaminated land or water; Provide information and guidance to government officials, businesses, and the general public on possible environmental

hazards and health risks; and Prepare technical reports and presentations that explain their research and findings.

- The federal government and many state and local governments have regulations to ensure that there is clean air to breathe, safe water to drink, and no hazardous materials in the soil. The regulations also place limits on development, particularly near sensitive parts of the ecosystem, such as wetlands. Many environmental scientists and specialists work for the government to ensure that these regulations are followed. Other environmental scientists work for consulting firms that help companies comply with regulations and policies.
- Some environmental scientists and specialists focus on environmental regulations that are designed to protect people's health, while others focus on regulations designed to minimize society's impact on the ecosystem. The following are examples of types of specialists: Environmental Health Specialist; Environmental Protection Specialist; and Environmental Chemist.
- Employment of environmental scientists and specialists is expected to grow by 19 percent from 2010 to 2020, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Heightened public interest in the hazards facing the environment, as well as the increasing demands placed on the environment by population growth, is projected to spur demand for environmental scientists and specialists. Further demand is also expected as a result of new and increasingly complex environmental laws and regulations.
- Most employment growth for environmental scientists and specialists is projected to be in private consulting firms that help clients monitor and manage environmental concerns and comply with regulations.
- More businesses are expected to consult with environmental scientists in the future to help them minimize the impact their operations have on the environment. For example, environmental consultants help businesses develop practices that minimize waste, prevent pollution, and conserve resources. Other environmental scientists are expected to be needed to help planners develop and construct buildings, utilities, and transportation systems that protect natural resources and limit damage to the land.

Medical and Health Service Managers

- Medical and health services managers, also called healthcare executives or healthcare administrators, plan, direct, and coordinate medical and health services. They might manage an entire facility or specialize in managing a specific clinical area or department, or manage a medical practice for a group of physicians. As healthcare changes, medical and health services managers must be able to adapt to changes in laws, regulations, and technology.
- Job opportunities will be good, especially for applicants with work experience in healthcare and strong business and management skills. A master's degree is the standard credential, although a bachelor's degree is adequate for some entry-level positions. Medical and health services managers typically work long hours and may be called at all hours to deal with problems.
- Employment change: Employment of medical and health services managers is expected to grow 16 percent from 2008 to 2018, faster than the average for all occupations. The healthcare industry will continue to expand and diversify, requiring managers to help ensure smooth business operations.
- Managers in all settings will be needed to improve quality and efficiency of healthcare, while controlling costs, as insurance companies and Medicare demand higher levels of accountability. Managers also will be needed to oversee the computerization of patient records and to ensure their security as required by law. Additional demand for managers will stem from the need to recruit workers and increase employee retention, to comply with changing regulations, to implement new technology, and to help improve the health of their communities by emphasizing preventive care.
- Hospitals will continue to employ the most medical and health services managers over the 2008–18 decade. However, the number of new jobs created is expected to increase at a slower rate in hospitals than in many other industries because of the growing use of clinics and other outpatient care sites. Despite relatively slow employment growth in hospitals, a large number of new jobs will be created because of the industry's large size.
- Employment will grow fast in offices of health practitioners. Many services previously provided in hospitals will continue to shift to these settings, especially as medical technologies improve. Demand in medical group practice management will grow as medical group practices become larger and more complex.
- Medical and health services managers also will be employed by healthcare management companies that provide management services to hospitals and other organizations and to specific departments such as emergency, information management systems, managed care contract negotiations, and physician recruiting.
- Job prospects: Job opportunities will be good, especially for applicants with work experience in healthcare and strong business management skills. Medical and health services managers with experience in large hospital

facilities will enjoy an advantage in the job market, as hospitals become larger and more complex. Competition for jobs at the highest management levels will be keen because of the high pay and prestige.

Occupational Health and Safety Specialists (Health Inspectors)

- Occupational health and safety specialists analyze many types of work environments and work procedures. Specialists inspect workplaces for adherence to regulations on safety, health, and the environment. They also design programs to prevent disease or injury to workers and damage to the environment.
- Occupational health and safety specialists, also known as occupational safety and health inspectors, examine lighting, equipment, ventilation, and other conditions that could affect employee health, safety, comfort, and performance. Workers usually are more alert and productive in environments that have specific levels of lighting or temperature.
- Employment of occupational health and safety specialists is expected to grow by 9 percent from 2010 to 2020, slower than the average for all occupations. New environmental regulations and laws will require specialists to create and enforce procedures in the workplace.
- The increased adoption of nuclear power as a source of energy may be a major factor for job growth for specialists in that field. These specialists will be needed to create and carry out programs to maintain the safety of both the workers and the environment.
- Insurance and workers' compensation costs have become a concern for many employers and insurance companies, especially with an aging population remaining in the workforce longer. Older workers usually have a greater proportion of workers' compensation claims. Also, as the workforce ages, employers will have to provide more illness- and injury-related benefits, including sick leave. In addition, job growth should be good for those specializing in loss prevention.



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JOB TITLES

Chief Executive Officer Health Officer Nursing Home Administrator Assistant/Associate Executive Director Health Services Assistant Senior Account Executive Executive Director Health Supervisor Senior Executive

EMPLOYERS

CalPACE Center for Disease Control (CDC) Collective Roots Family Tree Clinic HealthFinders Collaborative, Inc. Karcher Foster Services, Inc. NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault Nuestras Raices Padilla Speer Beardsley Reproductive Health Alliance State of Wisconsin – Dept. of Health Upper Missouri District Health Unit West Suburban Teen Clinic California Pharmacist Assoc. Catholic Healthcare West Medical Foundation Elderberry Institute Fremont Community Health Services Gunderson Lutheran Health System Mpls. Dept. of Health & Family Support National Assoc. of County & City Health Off. Orange County Rape Crisis Center Peer Health Exchange Sholom Community Alliance University of Waltham, MA Washington Dept. of Corrections Women's Hosp., Hamad Medical Corp., Qatar Cascade County, MT Catholic Eldercare Equality North Carolina ETR Associates Give Us Wings J. Robert Scott Minnesota Aids Project OneVillage Partners Planned Parenthood Rakhma State of Minnesota Volunteers in Medicine Clinic YMCA

FIELD EXPERIENCE SITES

Minnesota

Active Living Rochester - Department of Planning **College of Veterinary Medicine Conservation Breeding Specialist Group Crow Wing County Health Department** HealthEast Care System HealthStar Home Health Health Partners Parkway Clinic Hennepin County Medical Center Mayo Clinic Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support Minnesota Board of Animal Health Minnesota Department of Agriculture Minnesota Department of Health Minnesota Department of Public Resources Minnesota State Legislature **Olmsted County Public Health** Polk County Iowa Health Department St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Health **Stearns County Two Pony Gardens** University of Minnesota University of Minnesota - Veterinary Population Medicine Department VA Medical Center VHA Upper Midwest Waseca County Public Health Wilder Research

Nation-wide

American Diabetic Association Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services Capitol Region Council of Governments Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Community Health of Central Washington Creighton University School of Pharmacy Delaware Emergency Management Agency Department of Defense Environmental Protection Agency

Fargo Cass Public Health Food and Drug Administration Grande Cheese **Highland Community Hospital** Honduras Outreach, Inc. Kaiser Permanente Colorado Lincoln Park Zoo Michigan Department of Community Health Michigan State University Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services Naval Operational Medicine Institute P4 Inc. Paralvzed Veterans of America Thai Physician Association of America University of Miami School of Medicine University of Wisconsin - Veterinary Diagnostic Lab U.S. Air Force Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Public Health U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Department of Agriculture USGS National Wildlife Health Center Wisconsin Department of Agricultural trade & Consumer Protection Wisconsin Department of Health Services

International

Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Uganda Infectious Disease Institute Maiti Nepal Mariano Marcos State University U.S. Army Public Health Command (Prov) – Europe Washington Department of Health - Australia

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

General

- American Public Health Association (APHA) <u>http://www.apha.org</u>
- Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) http://www.mpha.net
- Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) http://www.asph.org
- American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) <u>http://www.astmh.org</u>
- Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) <u>http://www.aphl.org</u>
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) <u>http://www.astho.org</u>
- Carter Center http://www.cartercenter.org/index.html
- National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) http://www.nalboh.org/
- Public Health Foundation (PHF) <u>http://www.phf.org</u>
- World Health Organization (WHO) <u>http://www.who.int/en/</u>
- Global Health Council <u>http://www.globalhealth.org</u>
- Healthcare Professional Associations Directory <u>http://www.pohly.com/assoc2.html</u>