Public Health B.A.Sc

Major
Bachelor of Applied Science
Applied Human Sciences
College of Education and Human Service Professions

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc.) in Public Health prepares graduates to practice in a variety of sites, such as public health departments, nonprofit agencies, hospitals, businesses, and educational institutions.

Students following the School Health concentration will be eligible for health education teacher licensure in grades 5-12. As health education specialists, students are prepared to assess, plan, implement, deliver, administer, and evaluate health education programs that promote health and prevent disease. The program provides students with a content rich, professionally approved curriculum that includes state-of-the-art technology skills, field experiences, and public engagement.

Students in the Community Education & Promotion concentration are prepared to assess, plan, implement, deliver, administer, and evaluate health education programs that promote health and prevent disease. The program provides students with a content rich, professionally approved curriculum that includes state-of-the-art technology skills, field experiences, and public engagement. Students with this degree and concentration are qualified to sit for Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam.

Why UMD

- UMD is one of 21 public health programs nationally to have SABPAC approval. The major is recognized by the profession as a standard for programs preparing baccalaureate entry-level community health educators.
- Service learning and hands-on experience are a staple of the public health program at UMD.
- Students develop important technology and communication skills that are crucial in today’s public health settings.
- Graduates demonstrate commitment to the profession by involvement in organizations and service to university, community and beyond.

Acquired Skills

- Students will gain experiential understanding of areas of responsibility of a health education specialist through active learning.
- Effectively communicate through several mediums including oral, written, and multimedia.
- Understand theories and research used in health education.
- Work with diverse people in determining their needs for public health programming.
- Students gain health literacy: the ability to access, understand, appraise, apply, and advocate for health information and services in order to maintain or enhance one’s own health and the health of others. (School Concentration)
- Graduates are prepared to teach to SHAPE America standards. (School Concentration)

Career Possibilities

Entry level positions:
- Community Health Education Specialist
- Development Specialist
- Health Coach
- Patient Education Coordinator
- Prevention Program Director
Wellness Coordinator
Middle and High School Health Education Teacher (School concentration)

Advanced Degrees in:

- Occupational Therapy
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Risk Control
- Education
- Public Health
- Sports Administration and Leadership

Scholarships

Public Health students have the ability to apply for 3 scholarships specific to their major. Students working towards becoming a licensed health teacher (school health concentration) can apply for the Maulius and Mildred Brink Education Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship!

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than 100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

Student Clubs

- Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
- Education MN Student Association (EMSA)
- HERO Peer Health Coaches

Faculty Highlights

- Actively conduct research. Interests include: complementary and alternative medicine, arts and health.
- Presented at international and national conferences.
- Published in peer-reviewed journals.

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data 
Employers

Here’s a sampling of positions Public Health B.A.Sc grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Provider Services Senior Associate - Cigna, Eden Prairie, MN
- Safety & Health Field Coordinator - M.J. Electric, Iron Mountain, MI
- Regulatory Coordinator - Pace Analytical, Maplewood, MN
- Program Coordinator - The National Rural Health Resource Center, Duluth, MN
- Medical Scribe - Twin Cities Orthopedics, Minneapolis, MN

For more data see the Public Health B.A.Sc Graduate Follow-Up Report. For ideas about Public Health B.A.Sc and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.