UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM in PUBLIC HEALTH

CAREER Options

HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY
- Assisted living manager
- Biostatistician
- Claims analyst
- Clinic manager
- Department administrator
- General health service administrator
- Health communication specialist
- International health worker
- Long-term care administrator
- Managed care contracting director
- Nursing home administrator
- Health policy analyst
- Quality control specialist

HEALTH PROMOTION AND HEALTH BEHAVIOR
- Community health promotion/prevention specialist
- Health-wellness program coordinator
- Health promotion specialist with student health services
- Health educator/prevention specialist
- Health program coordinator
- Patient advocate

Public health professionals prevent disease and protect and promote health within groups of people, from small communities to entire populations. At our college, public health is integrated in all that we do as we strive to ensure health for every person, every family and every community.

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Our interdisciplinary approach, research centers and focus on both rural and urban health will enrich your educational experience and position you for beginning your career or continuing your public health education.

As a student, you will take an ecological approach to disease prevention, including examining environmental issues, access to healthcare services, health policies, and social and contextual factors as determinants of health.

If you choose to work in public health, you may implement educational programs, develop policies, administer services, regulate health systems and conduct research. Prevention is at the heart of public health, as compared with clinical health professionals, who primarily focus on treating individuals after they become sick or injured. By working in public health, you will address health disparities and improve healthcare equity, quality and accessibility.

You also will have the opportunity to work nationally and internationally on critical health issues, promoting health and preventing disease, disability and death.

As a graduate, you may choose to work in the public or private sector, in government, public health departments, community health agencies or health-related organizations. Other opportunities also are arising in this rapidly expanding field.

If you have an interest in research, you’re in luck. URAP is designed for students across the college’s many disciplines and will expose you both to bench research and the applied social sciences.

In addition, the college’s nationally recognized Center for Healthy Aging Research offers opportunities as a LIFE Scholar, in which you work collaboratively with center faculty mentors and graduate students, participate in hands-on, engaging inquiry and create and share new knowledge related to the field of aging.

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**Public Health Options**

**HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY**

By choosing this option, you will learn about the management of public health and healthcare programs and agencies, and the analysis of public health policies. The program is right for you if you want to manage health programs in a wide range of institutions, both public and private, and is particularly well-suited for students interested in the business associated with the delivery and financing of health services. You also may earn a Certificate in Gerontology.

**HEALTH PROMOTION AND HEALTH BEHAVIOR**

This option will prepare you for many career opportunities in the areas of public health promotion, health behavior and disease prevention. You will learn a variety of skills and strategies that will provide you with the necessary proficiencies to improve population health in diverse settings. The program focuses on the social and behavioral determinants of health and disease across the lifespan, with a particular emphasis on health disparities. Upon graduation, you will be qualified to assist with planning, implementing and evaluating programs that address health disparities and that are intended to improve the health of diverse populations.

**GET INVOLVED**

Join a student club, study abroad, choose a minor or participate in an internship to make the most of your Oregon State degree. See health.oregonstate.edu/students/future/undergraduate to learn more.