Not everyone gets the chance to be a hero.

In public health, YOU’LL GET USED TO IT.

As a public health professional, you'll work behind the scenes to prevent disease and protect and promote health.

You'll take a holistic look at disease and injury prevention, including environmental issues, health policies and what we call the social determinants of health, which are the social and environmental conditions in which we are born, grow, live, work and age.

In addition, you'll address health across the lifespan, health disparities and health equity. You'll also have the opportunity to work locally, nationally and internationally on critical health issues in one of the few undergraduate public health programs in the country.

Experience matters.

We're the first accredited college of public health in Oregon and build on a 100-year-plus legacy of ensuring health and well-being for people across the lifespan — in the United States and beyond.

Choose your path

Health Management and Policy
Learn about managing public and private public health — and health care programs and agencies — and how to analyze public health policies. You'll also dig into the business side of financing and delivering health services and have the option of earning a Certificate in Gerontology.

Health Promotion and Health Behavior
Hone a variety of skills and strategies to improve population health in diverse settings. You’ll learn about the social and behavioral determinants of health and disease across the lifespan, with a particular emphasis on health disparities.
Support to help you soar
At Oregon State, you’ll be part of a collaborative group of problem-solvers and a welcoming, knowledgeable team of advisors and others who can provide resources to help you succeed. From mentoring support and studying abroad to a health and wellness living-learning community and career resources, we’re here to support your success — in and out of the classroom. You might consider joining a club, participating in an internship or choosing a minor. Visit health.oregonstate.edu/success to see your options.

Head of the class
Did you know that if your GPA is over 3.75 (3.5 for current Oregon State students and transfer students), you’re eligible to earn your degree through the Honors College? This prestigious option means you get more faculty support and the opportunity for undergraduate research. It also gives you a leg up with future employers and graduate programs. Curious about how this works? Go to honors.oregonstate.edu to learn more.

CAREER OPTIONS
Public health is a rapidly changing and expanding field. 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. Or you may decide to create more opportunities by earning your MPH or another graduate degree.

Common areas our graduates work in include:

**Health Management and Policy**
- Assisted living manager
- Claims analyst
- Clinic manager
- Department administrator
- Health communication specialist
- Health policy analyst
- International health worker
- Long-term care administrator
- Managed care contracting director
- Nursing home administrator
- Quality control specialist

**Health Promotion and Health Behavior**
- Certified health education specialist*
- College/university health educator*
- Grant writer/evaluation consultant*
- Health promotion agency director*
- Health promotion in managed care*
- Media advocacy specialist
- Patient navigator
- Private program coordinator/director
- Public health educator/assistant
- School health educator/assistant
- Worksite health promotion specialist/assistant

*May require additional education and/or training