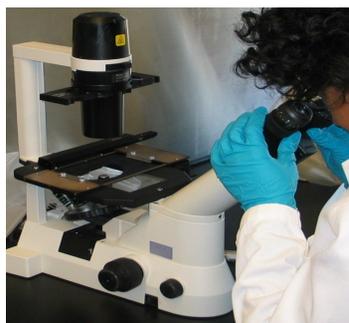


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## What is Public Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

As threats of infectious diseases and bioterrorism grow and the nation confronts chronic conditions such as obesity and substance abuse, leaders are needed in both the private and public sectors who understand the scientific, ethical, social and legal issues necessary to combat them.

Public health professionals must work in partnerships with communities, stakeholder groups, citizens and other professionals, all of whom have widely varying values. They must confront the complex behavioral, social and environmental factors related to health in the community.

Examples include

- Analysis of the decrease in life expectancy from obesity
- Data relating to epidemics and their prevention
- Appropriate protections for the collection and use of genetic information
- Public health professionals' use of coercive measures to protect the nation's security
- Effectiveness of government campaigns to encourage healthy lifestyles and change risky behaviors



- Address a broad variety of health issues with environmental dimensions including

Public health professionals include epidemiologists, clinicians, lawyers, health policy analysts, environmental scientists, and health management experts, to

name a few.

## The MPH Degree at the University of Virginia

The Master of Public Health Program is a nationally accredited degree program that provides graduate professional training in quantitative and qualitative research methodologies; health policy, law and ethics; and translational and community-based research and community engagement strategies to improve the health of individuals and populations. The MPH at UVa is individualized and interdisciplinary.



The program focuses on the competencies professionals need to address health and health care issues. The curriculum includes courses in the five core areas of public health and a wide range of interdisciplinary courses.

Students choose one of two tracks:

- Research in Practice
- Health Policy, Law & Ethics

Created in 2003, the program draws upon the strengths of UVa Faculty within the Schools of Medicine, Arts & Sciences, Nursing, Law, Business, Education, Public Policy, and Architecture, as well as the larger university community.

Graduates are prepared for a variety of positions in health care, research, community health, and health policy and management.

## Community Engagement for Research and Service



The MPH program supports collaborative efforts with community partners to work on public health projects and to serve the community through public health interventions. Faculty and students recognize the value of strong relationships with community health organizations and community-based public health professionals.

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in service projects through organized MPH program activities or on an individual basis. Service is an important part of the education of a public health professional, demonstrates commitment to public health's core value of serving those in need, provides experience working with community-based organizations, and provides opportunities to apply public health skills and knowledge.

