Anticipating the Future. Accelerating Public Health Solutions... for North Carolina.

Service and Outreach:

THE NORTH CAROLINA
Institute for Public Health

The outreach unit for UNC Gillings, the Institute’s mission is making a healthier North Carolina by improving public health practice.

Linking...
- faculty, staff and students to NC communities and beyond

Preparing...
- front-line public health workers from all 100 counties, 50 states, 55 countries and 5 continents (24,813 participants, 13,346 from NC in 2012)

Engaging...
- with public health partners to strengthen public health practice

Gillings faculty from every department provide thousands of hours of expert training and guidance on NC advisory committees to:
- improve state dietary guidelines, prevent violence against women, ensure safe day-care centers, monitor climate-related health indicators, strengthen rural hospitals’ fiscal health, help with mandated community health assessments for each NC county, and more.

In 2013, faculty* reported that:

- 27% engaged in these types of public health practice activities.
- 29 conducted engaged scholarship, working with communities on research efforts that added direct value to those communities.
- 76 publications came from this work.
- 68 different courses across the School include a practice component, involve practitioners, or both.

Gillings students from every department engage in dozens of volunteer organizations, offering thousands of service hours, making a difference in the health of North Carolinians. Team Epi-Aid, established in 2003 after Hurricane Isabel, responds to public health emergencies, provides disaster relief and conducts community health surveys.

Since 2003:
- 200 student volunteers have provided NC with 100 service activities, & 6,000 service hours valued at $120,000+

Value of Team Epi-Aid to NC:
- Millions of dollars’ worth of consultations provided without charge by world-renowned experts;
- Public health workforce strengthened; and
- More evidence-based and cost-effective programs, practices, polices and tools adopted.

*Based on 61 responses from our 229 faculty.