



Creating Healthy Communities Here in North Carolina



Serving the world—starting at home.

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health promotes and improves the health and well-being of North Carolinians. **We reach every county in the state**, providing public health training, workshops and continuing education to **more than 8,000 professionals each year**. We are proud to be the top *public* school of public health in the nation, and our first priority is to serve the citizens of North Carolina.

Priorities and Partnerships

To solve the state's most pressing public health concerns, we are informed by educators, researchers, local government, businesses and citizens.

From educators, our own as well as visiting professors, we train the future workforce of North Carolina to create positive, sustainable changes in public health.

From researchers, we discover important scientific breakthroughs. Together with our **state and local public health departments**, we translate these into effective public health practices and sound policies.

From businesses, we realize significant partnering opportunities where market opportunities meet public health priorities.

From the citizens of our great state, we are constantly reminded of the urgency of our mission to improve people's lives—here and now.

Together, we look to incorporate the University's **UNC Tomorrow** (www.nctomorrow.org) initiative through efforts to improve the health of our citizens, safeguard the quality of our environment and strengthen our state's global competitiveness.

Research, Solutions, Service.

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health is fully committed to solving public health problems in North Carolina through outreach, engagement, education and the application of solutions to local health threats.

Studies involving clean, healthy water, prevention of infectious diseases and improving the effectiveness of clinical trials are among many key initiatives critical to improving the lives of our citizens. **Dr. Alice Ammerman's** collaborative hands-on study of the benefits of local sustainable farming explores its impact on North Carolina's economy, health and environment. **Dr. William Vizuete** uses UNC's rooftop environmental chamber to study the effects of air pollution on living tissue. **Dr. Joseph Morrissey's** team tackles the growing challenge of serving the needs of the mentally ill in North Carolina.

Many other vital public health initiatives of local importance are supported by our faculty, staff and students who work on projects that range from preparedness and workforce development to preventing diabetes and the early detection of cancer (www.sph.unc.edu/research/). Reaching out to communities across North Carolina, the **North Carolina Institute of Public Health** (www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/) partners with state and local health departments, public health practitioners and professionals to promote the well-being of our citizens. The School's **Nutrition Research Institute** (www.nri.unc.edu/) uses cutting-edge biotechnology to develop innovative approaches for the prevention of cancer and obesity, improving the lives and health of our children and families.

We at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health are optimistic that we can help to meet the challenges North Carolina faces through interdisciplinary collaboration, sustainable partnerships and broad public engagement.

Working to Solve Public Health Challenges in North Carolina

Obesity

Health Disparities

Clean Water and Air

Mental Health

Nutrition

Cancer

Infectious Diseases

Prevention

Local Sustainable Farming

Preparedness

Diabetes

Public Health Education

Dental Health