Exploring and Preparing for a Career in Public Health

**Student Organizations**
There are many public health-related student organizations at UNC. Below is a small sampling of the organizations you may be interested in:
- American Mock World Health Organization (AMWHO)
- Carolina for the Kids Foundation
- CPALS
- GlobeMed
- hha!
- MEDLIFE
- Partners in Health|Engage
- Peer2Peer
- Public Health 360
- Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)
- Timmy Global Health
- The Campus Y and their committees
- We Wear the Mask

For more information on UNC student organizations, please visit: [https://heellife.unc.edu/organizations](https://heellife.unc.edu/organizations)

For more information on Gillings student organizations, please visit: [https://sph.unc.edu/students/organizations/](https://sph.unc.edu/students/organizations/)

**Service Opportunities**
UNC offers several programs for those interested in serving local and global communities. Some of these programs include:
- APPLES Service Learning
- Buckley Public Service Scholars
- Carolina COVID-19 Student Services Corps
- Community Empowerment Fund
- Global Brigades
- UNC Health Care Undergraduate Volunteers

For more information about service opportunities, please visit the Carolina Center for Public Service: [https://ccps.unc.edu/](https://ccps.unc.edu/)
Research
There are many opportunities to participate in research at UNC. Students interested in public health-related research are encouraged to explore opportunities in academic units and the following centers and institutes:

- Carolina Population Center
- UNC Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research
- UNC Center for Health Equity Research
- UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Disease
- UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

For additional information about research opportunities, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research: [https://our.unc.edu/](https://our.unc.edu/)

Internships
Many public health and health-related organizations offer internships, such as:

- Community health centers and health departments
- Health care systems
- Independent research organizations
- Local nonprofit organizations
- Government agencies

For help with career planning and the internship/job search process, please visit University Career Services (UCS) at: [https://careers.unc.edu/](https://careers.unc.edu/)

To explore job and internship postings, please visit Handshake at: [https://careers.unc.edu/students/resources/handshake](https://careers.unc.edu/students/resources/handshake)

Clinical Experiences
If you are interested in pursuing an advanced degree in the health professions, you may be interested in obtaining clinical experience. Some popular options include:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification
- Clinical shadowing
- Working as a scribe