



## Bachelor of Science in Public Health

### Exploring and Preparing for a Career in Public Health

#### Student Organizations

There are many public health-related student organizations at UNC. Below is 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>

For more information on Gillings student organizations, please visit:

<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/>

## Research

Undergraduate students frequently reach out asking about potential opportunities to engage in public health and health policy-related research during their first two years at Carolina. There are many pathways to find research opportunities at UNC. Potentially helpful resources and tips are listed below:

- The UNC Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) maintains an [Opportunities Database](#). Searching this database using the keyword “health” often yields relevant opportunities. You may also find it helpful to reach out to an [OUR Student Ambassador](#).
- The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health maintains a [Student Job Postings](#) website, which sometimes includes research positions.
- Students frequently identify research opportunities by directly reaching out to faculty/investigators. You can explore faculty profiles on departmental websites to learn about their work. In addition, many of our public health and HPM faculty conduct research at various research centers and institutes on campus, such as:
  - [Sheps Center for Health Services Research](#)
  - [Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)
  - [Center for Health Equity Research](#)
  - [Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention](#)
  - [Carolina Population Center](#)
  - [UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Disease](#)

OUR has developed an excellent guide for [writing an email to faculty about research](#).

- [Burch Field Research Seminars](#) are a great opportunity to gain research and global experience. They regularly offer public health-related opportunities, such as Design and Innovation in a Universal Healthcare System in Edinburgh, Scotland and Science, Literature, and Infectious Disease in London, England.
- You may also want to search for research-oriented summer internships, such as those offered through the [CDC](#) and [NIH](#).
- Finally, you are encouraged to reach out to our [HPM BSPH program ambassadors](#), many of whom are currently or have been engaged in research.

## 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/>

To explore job and internship postings, please visit Handshake at:  
<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