

# MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

## Public Health

Division of Health Sciences

### Mission of the Division of Health Sciences

UNLV's Division of Health Sciences — along with other health science-related programs in the Nevada System of Higher Education — is addressing today's pressing needs and making tomorrow's discoveries.

The division is comprised of the schools of Dental Medicine, Nursing, Community Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences. Guided by a mission that demands UNLV serves its community, the division is using research, education, training, and service to form unique public and private partnerships. These partnerships are helping provide quality health care to the underserved, educating future professionals, and exploring ways to improve the health and well-being of our citizens. Taken together, UNLV is helping build a foundation for a healthier and more vibrant Nevada.

*Visit this site for more information:*

<http://www.unlv.edu/healthsciences>

### About Public Health

The public health degree program provides students with a comprehensive program of study in preparation for careers and advanced degrees in public health. Public health majors take a set of core classes that span the broad scope of health promotion, disease prevention, and eliminating health disparities. Students will also complete a set of classes in one of four areas of emphasis: environmental health, social/behavioral health, epidemiology, or public health generalist. All students will complete their studies with a culminating experience of either a public health practicum or a senior thesis.

### UNLV Academic Advising for Public Health Majors:

*Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.*

Division of Health Sciences Advising Center

Phone: 702-895-5448

Campus Location: CEB 399A

<http://alliedhealth.unlv.edu/advising.htm>

### Public Health Career Options

- Epidemiology
- Health Care Educator
- Mental Health Counselors
- School Counselor
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Environmental Health Sciences

### Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health Degree Program is designed to prepare students to be public health professionals in the private and public sectors with the overall goal of promoting and protecting the health of individuals in our society. The four specialty areas include: (1) Social and Behavioral Health, (2) Environmental and Occupational Health, (3) Health Care Administration and Policy, and (4) Biostatistics and Epidemiology. In addition to the core courses, each student will select one 27 to credit concentration area from one of the four aforementioned concentrations.

<http://www.unlv.edu/degree/mph>

### Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

The Ph.D. in Public Health is designed to prepare students for careers in which advanced analytical and conceptual capabilities are required, such as university teaching, research, consulting, policy development or other high-level positions. The specific goal of the program is to train exceptional researchers and professionals who will advance the field of Public Health and meet the needs of the profession and society. To achieve this goal, the program will address the learning objectives stated below as outcomes upon completion of the Ph.D.

<http://www.unlv.edu/degree/phd-publichealth>

### Clubs, Orgs & Professional Associations

UNLV offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations to meet the needs and interests of students. Visit the Involvement Center via your MyUNLV account to explore, access, and join hundreds of student organizations.

*Get involved today!*

# Helpful Career Information

## Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

### Career Exploration/Planning

**FOCUS 2:** UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

**Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI):** Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

**Strong Interest Inventory:** Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

### UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

### Internship Opportunities

UNLV **Hire a Rebel** is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use **Hire a Rebel** to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employer information sessions, resume book database, & dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerLink.html>

## MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Epidemiologists (Master's degree required)	\$42,360-\$98,380	\$63,010
Health Care Educators	\$26,730-\$81,430	\$45,830
Mental Health Counselors (Master's degree required)	\$24,180-\$63,630	\$38,150
Professor Teaching Public Health (Doctoral degree required)	\$30,720-\$130,510	\$62,050

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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