

Careers in Public Health¹

Job Opportunities for Entry-level Job Applicants Holding a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Degree

Public Health Settings

Public: Government jobs include health department administration, public nursing or disaster preparedness.

Non-profit: Jobs in this setting often focus on a particular population, such as minorities or mothers, or address specific health disparities.

Academic: Public health professionals working in academia typically focus on research. In addition, they may also be teaching students enrolled in public health-related degree programs.

Private: Within the private sector, jobs may be available at insurance companies, pharmaceutical manufacturers or health care facilities. Another option for private employment is consulting work performed on a contract basis.

Public Health settings that require / prefer a BS in Public Health

PUBLIC		NON-PROFIT	ACADEMIC	PRIVATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Promotion Program Coordinator • Public Health Information Officer • Consumer Safety Officer • Health and Wellness Manager • Health / Wellness Educator • Public Health Planner • Disaster Preparedness Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Center Administrator* • Health Department Inspector (e.g. Sanitarian) • Disease Investigator • Epidemiologist** • Grant funded project assistant • Public Health Program specialist • Community Outreach Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Promotion Program Coordinator • Health / Wellness Educator • Director of Non-Gov. Organization (NGO)* • Community Outreach Coordinator • Community Health Worker • Grant funded project assistant • Project Manager / Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Promotion Program Coordinator • Health / Wellness Educator • Public Health Planner • Grant funded research assistant • Public Health Program specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Information Officer • Health and Wellness Manager • Disaster Preparedness Planner • Grant funded project assistant • Project Manager / Director • Public Health Program specialist • Community Outreach Coordinator • Community Health Worker

1 – This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list but rather a compilation of common and current job titles in the public health field. Titles and job responsibilities are influenced by local and state public health laws, organization complexities, national trends, and funding sources.

* at least to have a bachelor’s degree in the liberal arts or the social sciences. Many professionals have advanced degrees and may have a master’s degree in public health.

** Role influenced by the size of the agency; if larger, an MPH is needed.

The range of salaries is dependent on experience and agency location. However, for all jobs listed a range of \$38,000 to \$49,000 can be expected (2019 estimates).

Sources: <http://www.onlinemastersinpublichealth.com/public-health-jobs/>
<https://www.waldenu.edu/online-bachelors-programs/bs-in-public-health>