The Gillings School of Global Public Health provides exceptional teaching, conducts groundbreaking research, and delivers dedicated service to people across North Carolina, the United States, and around the world. According to U.S. News and World Report’s 2019 rankings, the school ranks second of all public health schools in the United States. Gillings is the top public school of public health in the nation. The school’s mission is to improve public health, promote individual well-being, and eliminate health inequities across North Carolina and around the world.

Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), Gillings offers undergraduate and graduate programs on campus near the UNC Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, and Pharmacy, and through its state-of-the-art online education programs. The Michael Hooker Research Center and many renovated labs and classrooms (http://www.sph.unc.edu/rooms) provide an environment highly conducive to the dissemination and development of public health knowledge.

Beyond campus, faculty members from the Gillings School of Global Public Health teach, conduct research, and serve communities across the state and nation and around the world. The Research, Innovation and Global Solutions (https://sph.unc.edu/solutions/research-innovation-and-global-solutions) office works with faculty members and students to coordinate research, teaching, and practice efforts in more than 80 countries and manages innovation labs, visiting professorships, and strategic initiatives funded by a generous gift from Dennis Gillings and Joan Gillings to solve public health problems and scale up solutions. It is designed to prepare students for professional careers in a specialized area of public health (and/or public health policy). Students in this degree program typically take courses primarily in one major department/concentration in the Gillings School of Global Public Health. Core requirements orient students to a broader view of public health. The master of science in public health is usually a terminal degree; however, students may use this degree (more than the master of public health) as a precursor to a doctoral program. Programs of study leading to the M.P.H. degree program also undergo extensive field training.

All departments have graduate degree programs, and four (marked with *) offer degrees for undergraduates.

Interdisciplinary programs that provide additional opportunities for students in public health-related education, service, and research include the Carolina Population Center (http://www.cpc.unc.edu), the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research (http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu), the Center for Environmental Health and Susceptibility (http://sph.unc.edu/cehs/center-for-environmental-health-and-susceptibility), the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (http://hpdp.unc.edu), the Nutrition Obesity Research Center (http://sph.unc.edu/norc/norc-home), the Injury Prevention Research Center (http://iprc.unc.edu), Center for Urban and Regional Studies (http://curs.unc.edu), the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center (https://unclineberger.org), the North Carolina Institute for Public Health (http://sph.unc.edu/nicph/nicph-home), the North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center (http://osherc.sph.unc.edu), the North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness (http://sph.unc.edu/nicph/cphp-programs), and the Nutrition Research Institute (http://www.uncnri.org) in Kannapolis.

Graduate academic degrees offered by the school are the master of science (M.S.) and the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.). Graduate professional degrees include the master of science in public health (M.S.P.H.), master of science in environmental engineering (M.S.E.E.), master of public health (M.P.H.), master of health care administration (M.H.A.), master of science in clinical research (M.S.C.R.) and doctor of public health (Dr.P.H.). All degree requirements are administered by the faculty of the Gillings School of Global Public Health with approval from The Graduate School’s Administrative Board. For complete information, please visit the Gillings Program Search (http://sph.unc.edu/gps) site on the Web.

**M.P.H. Degree**

The master of public health degree (https://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/master-of-public-health-2) is designed to prepare students for positions requiring a considerable breadth of knowledge in the field of public health and a specialization in one concentration. The M.P.H. core is the centerpiece of the master of public health program at Gillings. This integrated, 2-semester, 12-credit curriculum spans our 12 concentrations. Students in the M.P.H. degree program also undergo extensive field training.

**M.S.P.H. Degree**

The master of science in public health is designed to prepare students for professional careers in a specialized area of public health (and/or public health policy). Students in this degree program typically take courses primarily in one major department/concentration in the Gillings School of Global Public Health. Core requirements orient students to a broader view of public health. The master of science in public health is usually a terminal degree; however, students may use this degree (more so than the master of public health) as a precursor to a doctoral program. Programs of study leading to the M.S.P.H. degree are offered by the following departments: environmental sciences and engineering, health policy and management, and maternal and child health.
The doctoral program in health leadership (Dr.P.H.) is available through the Department of Health Policy and Management. This program, the only one of its kind in the United States, prepares working health care professionals to become top leaders. This highly competitive, online learning program uses the latest Internet technology to connect distinguished faculty members and students in an unparallelled educational environment.

To learn more about the field of public health, visit the Web site (http://www.asphp.org/discover) developed by the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. The site describes public health, its effect on people’s lives locally and globally, and the variety of public health careers.