Gillings School of Global Public Health

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Introduction

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health provides exceptional teaching, conducts ground-breaking research, and delivers dedicated service to people across North Carolina, throughout the United States, and around the world. Ranked the top public school of public health by U.S. News and World Report for 2021 and second among all public health schools, the school's mission is to improve public health, promote individual well-being, and eliminate health inequities.

The school, accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health, and located in close proximity to UNC-Chapel Hill’s schools of medicine, nursing, dentistry, and pharmacy, offers undergraduate and graduate programs on campus and through state-of-the-art online-education programs. The Michael Hooker Research Center and many renovated laboratories and classrooms provide an environment highly conducive to learning about public health and discovering new ways to improve and promote health worldwide.

Beyond campus, we teach, conduct research, and serve communities across our state and nation and around the world. Our Research, Innovation and Global Solutions Office (https://sph.unc.edu/solutions/research-innovation-and-global-solutions/) organizes the school’s global health activities and enables us to anticipate new public health challenges, quickly find solutions, and accelerate the delivery of best practices to improve people’s lives. The school’s service and outreach arm, the North Carolina Institute for Public Health (http://sph.unc.edu/nciph/nciph-home/), brings public health scholarship and practice communities together.

To learn more about the public health field, visit the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (http://asph.org/discover/). The site defines public health, describes its impact on our lives, and introduces a variety of public health careers.

Admission

The undergraduate degree offered is the bachelor of science in public health (B.S.P.H.). Four majors are available to undergraduate students: biostatistics, environmental health sciences, health policy and management, and nutrition. Each of these combines features of a broad-based education with concentrated study in a specific public health discipline. The programs prepare individuals for preprofessional positions in health-related fields and provide a firm base for graduate study.

Students are permitted to pursue two majors in the school if there are no course time conflicts and they are able to complete all requirements within their remaining time for degree completion. Students are subject to the requirements in place when they are admitted to the Gillings School of Global Public Health; consequently, requirements described in this catalog particularly apply to students admitted to the school during the 2021–2022 academic year. In addition to the information presented below please see the Gillings Program Search (GPS) (http://sph.unc.edu/gps/) for the most up-to-date information on the school.

Students who wish to obtain the B.S.P.H. degree typically spend two years in the General College of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (or in an equivalent core program of academic study elsewhere) and two subsequent years under the administration of the Gillings School of Global Public Health. Enrollment in the B.S.P.H. degree programs is limited. Typically a student is selected in the latter half of the sophomore year and admitted on a competitive basis for junior year entry to the major. The minimum recommended grade point average for admission to programs in biostatistics, environmental health sciences, health policy and management, and nutrition is 3.0.

For current UNC-Chapel Hill students, the initial step of B.S.P.H. application is available in ConnectCarolina under the “Apply for Majors Change” tab. For additional information on application deadlines and how to apply, please visit the Public Health Undergraduate Majors (https://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/undergraduate-programs/) web page.

Transfer students interested in any of the public health undergraduate majors must apply through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (http://admissions.unc.edu/apply/transfer-students/) using the Transfer Common application.

For high school seniors, our four majors participate in the University Assured Enrollment Programs under EXCEL@Carolina. Assured enrollment programs guarantee students a spot in an undergraduate major within one of Carolina’s professional schools or a spot in an accelerated undergraduate/graduate program. Programs include unique opportunities such as early access to classes, individualized mentorship, and career connections. For additional information, please visit EXCEL@Carolina (https://admissions.unc.edu/explore/enrich-your-education/excelcarolina/).

Departments

Four departments in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health offer undergraduate degrees:

- Biostatistics (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/biostatistics/)
- Environmental Sciences and Engineering (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/environmental-sciences-engineering/)
- Health Policy and Management (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/health-policy-management/)
- Nutrition (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/nutrition/)

Lists of faculty members in those departments are included in those sections of the catalog. Other courses offered by the school are listed on the “Courses” tab under the subject codes PUBH and SPHG. If you are not a matriculated public health major, you may need instructor consent to enroll in public health courses.
Graduate Departments

- Biostatistics (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)
- Environmental Sciences and Engineering (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)
- Epidemiology (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)
- Health Behavior (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)
- Health Policy and Management (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)
- Maternal and Child Health (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)
- Nutrition (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)
- Public Health Leadership Program (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/)

Majors

- Biostatistics Major, B.S.P.H. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/biostatistics-major-bsph/)
- Environmental Health Sciences Major, B.S.P.H. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/environmental-health-sciences-major-bsph/)
- Health Policy and Management Major, B.S.P.H. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/health-policy-management-major-bsph/)
- Nutrition Major, B.S.P.H. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/nutrition-major-bsph/)