

# What Can I Do With A Community Health Degree?

## Description:

The major in Community Health prepares the student to work with individuals, groups, and families in the worksite, health behavior organizations, university based health services, wellness centers, and employee health behavior programs at the local, state, or federal level. Community Health carries out its mission through organized, interdisciplinary efforts that address the physical, mental, and environmental health concerns of communities and population at risk for disease and injury.

## Skills:

Teaching, assessing, planning, and evaluating  
Organization & record keeping skills  
Familiar with computers  
Able to work independently & as a team  
Interpersonal skills  
Report writing  
Individual/Group health counseling skills  
Knowledge of Community Health Issues

## Typical Work Activities:

Monitor health status to identify community health problems  
Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community  
Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues  
Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems  
Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts  
Enforce laws and regulations which protect health and ensure safety  
Link people to personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable  
Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce  
Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services  
Research for new insights and innovation solutions to health problems

## Occupational Opportunities:

Weight Management Specialist	Personal Stress Manager
AIDS Educator	Corporate Trainers
Community Services & Health Educator Officer	University Health Educator
Work Site Wellness Coordinator	Commercial Wellness Centers
Hospital Health Education Coordinator	School District Health Related Services
Field Health Officer	Industrial Hygienist
Hospital Administrator	Environmental Health Specialists
Health Information Administrator/Technician	Hospital/Managed Care Administrator
Alcohol/Drug Manager	

## Employment Settings:

Federal, state, & local agencies & health agencies	Community Health Centers
Hospitals and Clinics	Industry and Business
Physicians' Offices	Assisted Living
Colleges & Universities	Social Service Agencies
Nursing Homes	Health Counseling Practices
Insurance Companies	Consulting Firms
Pharmaceutical and hospital supply firms	Consumer Advocacy Organizations
Wellness Programs	State Legislative Committees
Voluntary Health Agencies	Rehabilitation Centers

**Internet Sites:**

Public Health Resources: <http://www.asph.org/>  
World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/en/>  
Public Health Foundation: <http://www.phf.org/>  
Public Health Foundation Links: <http://www.phf.org/links.htm>

**Career Services Resources:**

Opportunities in Health and Medical Careers by I. Donald Snook, Jr. and Leo D'Orazio, 1991.  
Health Careers Today by Judith Gerdin, 1991.  
Explore the Opportunities: Health Careers in Georgia, 1997-1999.  
Caring People and Other Sensitive Types, by Adrian Paradis, 1996.  
Public Health Careers by Georgia and Terry Pickett, 1994.  
Opportunities in Allied Health Careers, by Alex Kacen, 2005  
Careers in Health Care, by Barbara M. Swanson, 2005

**Professional Associations:**

National Public Health Organizations: <http://www.phf.org/links.htm>  
Georgia Public Health Association- <http://www.gapha.org/>

American Public Health Association (APHA)  
1015 15th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
<http://www.apha.org>

Association for Worksite Health Promotion (AWHP)  
60 Revere Dr., Ste 500  
Northbrook, IL 60062-1577  
(847) 480-8574  
[www.employerhealth.com](http://www.employerhealth.com)

National Wellness Association (NWA)  
1300 College Ct., PO Box 827  
Stevens Point, WI 54481-0827  
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