CAREER ROADMAP:
Public Health

Description of Field:
Public health professionals analyze and develop programs that protect the health of individuals, families and communities in the United States and abroad. Using education, development of healthy lifestyles, research, and program implementation, public health professionals are agents for disease prevention and health promotion.

General Skills:
Critical thinking, communication, systems evaluation, active listening, problem solving, coordination, social perceptiveness, decision making, writing, teamwork, initiative

Insider Advice:
Be open to all opportunities that may come your way, and especially be proactive about searching for opportunities such as internships, assistantships, or participating in professional meetings or conferences. Remember to be open-minded about tackling new topics or subjects you might not have thought you’d be interested in—you never know where you’ll find your niche.

Learn about Yourself & Career Options
What Can I Do With This Major:
Audiology/Speech Pathology, Healthcare Sciences, Food & Agriculture Business, Psychology, Counseling, Public Health, Medical Fields, Biological Sciences, Kinesiology

Sample UF Majors:
Biology, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Public Health, Health Science, Dietetics, Family, Youth, and Community Sciences, Health Education and Behavior, Health Science, Sociology

Sample Job Titles:
Social Worker, Disease Ecologist, Health Educator, Nurse, Public Health Analyst, Epidemiologist, Health Services Administrator

Career Planning:
Our Career Planning staff can help you explore interesting major/career options, prepare for and start an internship/job search. Log in to view the ways we can help!

Build Experience
UF Organizations:
Heal the World, Arts in Medicine, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Community Health Service Corps, Health Administration Student Association, Undergraduate Public Health Association

Visit Student Activities & Involvement for Additional Opportunities

Professional Organizations:
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, National Association of Community Health Centers, American Public Health Association, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology

Sample Local Opportunities:
American Red Cross, Shands Hospital, LifeSouth

Sample National and Global Opportunities:
American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Global Health Organization, Doctors Without Borders, Make-A-Wish

Prepare for Your Next Step
Search for Internships & Jobs:

Sample Employers Recruiting at UF:
Humana, Louisiana Public Health Institute, Memorial Healthcare System, National Center for Health Statistics, Public Health Institute, WellFlorida Council, Baptist Health

Log into Gator CareerLink to search for employers hiring UF students and additional resources