Graduate Public Health Programs





Shenandoah University offers a public health master's degree and two graduate certificates, through which you can obtain broad knowledge and basic skills in public health and analyze current health problems from a variety of interdisciplinary and interprofessional viewpoints. Students are exposed to rural and underserved population health, and gain experience in applying basic skills and advanced knowledge to health problems in rural or urban settings.

With these online programs, you'll develop new skills and expertise as you study on a flexible schedule.

Master of Public Health (MPH) (46 credits)

You'll gain expertise in:

- Implementing health and disease prevention programs
- Understanding epidemiological linkages between specific determinants/exposures and diseases
- Developing and advocating sound health policy practices
- Addressing rural and underserved population health concerns
- Promoting healthy behaviors

Public Health Graduate Certificate (18 credits)

You'll gain knowledge and skills in:

- The core principles of public health
- Identifying trends in health and illness
- Disease prevention and health promotion strategies in communities and populations Credits that can be used toward a Shenandoah University MPH degree

Population Health Graduate Certificate (12 credits)

You'll gain knowledge and skills in:

- Analyzing current health problems from a variety of interdisciplinary and interprofessional viewpoints
- Delivering effective population health across the continuum of care
- Addressing disease and injury prevention with approaches that engage communities and populations through integration of public health and clinical practices
 Credits that can be used toward a Shenandoah University MPH degree

Dual Degrees with Master of Public Health

Shenandoah graduate students in the Master of Physician Assistant Studies and the Doctor of Pharmacy programs can add a dual degree in public health. These rigorous programs are designed for students desiring to enhance their career opportunities with specific training and expertise in the public health discipline.





Key Features

- Wide range of career opportunities
- Designed for working professionals, health professions students and others interested in advancing their public health training
- Interdisciplinary and interprofessional viewpoints
- Focused on rural and underserved populations
- Online, asynchronous programs with flexible part-time and full-time study options available

"A career in public health allows people to contribute to preventing injury and illness across populations at many different levels, with the potential to reach thousands of people at one time. The variety of jobs available makes public health a good fit for those who seek to serve others and make an impact."

– Michelle Gamber, DPH Director of Graduate Public Health Programs

Possible Career Paths

The current employment outlook for public health professionals is strong and growing annually. Graduates of Shenandoah University's MPH program can find exciting careers in:

- Hospitals
- Health departments
- Community organizations
- Government
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Foundations
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Consulting firms
- Private businesses
- Academic institutions

"Health, overall, encompasses aspects from community, geographic location, education level, socio-economic status, etc. Growing this knowledge base from a public health side will allow me to complete the circle of care and to be a better provider in the future."

– Kaylyn Pratt PA-C Physician Assistant Studies '21 anticipated Master of Public Health '23

