

# PUBLIC HEALTH AT ILLINOIS:

## *Making a Difference*

### WHY PUBLIC HEALTH?

- The Master of Public Health (MPH) is globally recognized as the primary professional practice degree in the field of public health.
- Public health addresses the needs of communities and populations.
- Students from a wide variety of educational backgrounds pursue the MPH degree.
- Public health is an interdisciplinary field made up of a broad range of professionals in health, medicine, social work, nutrition, environmental science, education, biostatistics, epidemiology, law, urban planning and many other fields.
- Public health practitioners help solve the world's problems by promoting health, preventing disease and injury, protecting the environment, and assuring optimal health services.

### DEGREE TRACKS

- **MPH** The traditional MPH can be earned in 1.5 or 2 years. Students can pursue graduate minors or certificates in other disciplines while completing the MPH.
- **BS-MPH** Joint degree for University of Illinois undergraduate students in Community Health, Interdisciplinary Health, and Kinesiology.
- **MPH-MUP** Joint graduate degree where students can earn the MPH and Master of Urban Planning in 3 years.
- **MPH-MBA** Joint graduate degree where students can earn the MPH and a Master in Business Administration.

### CAREERS

MPH graduates work in a variety of industries and settings. Our alumni hold jobs all around the country and the world, including in county and state health departments, government agencies, universities, hospitals, consulting firms, and non-profit organizations. Illinois MPH alumni hold titles including:

- Tobacco Prevention Health Educator
- Health Programs Coordinator
- Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator
- Nutritionist and Certified Lactation Counselor
- HIV Program Coordinator
- Worksite Wellness Educator
- Business Development Fellow
- Project Manager
- Wellness Promotion Specialist
- Breast Cancer Research Coordinator
- Public Service Administrator
- Performance Improvement Coordinator
- Senior Analytics Consultant

### FACULTY

Our public health faculty are leaders in the field, with research and practice in:

- Disease Prevention
- Community Outreach
- Program Evaluation
- Reproductive Health
- Maternal and Child Health
- Health Promotion
- Disparities Reduction
- Physical Activity
- Policy Change
- Social Determinants of Health



## What Does the MPH Program Mean to You?



*"The MPH program gave me the confidence to effectively serve my community. The professors made my learning experience enlightening and provided me with the tools for a successful future."*

— Ina, BS-MPH Alumna

*"As part of the MPH at Illinois, I have utilized a multidisciplinary perspective to explore public health concerns and have learned essential skills to promote health behaviors and prevent disease. This program fit perfectly into my career plans as I seek to use transdisciplinary approaches to influence public health research, policy, and practice."*

— Roger, MPH-PhD Student



*"The BS-MPH program was fundamental in establishing my own view of health and its determinants on individual and populations levels. The mindset I've gained will be integral in my ultimate career goal of becoming a physician."*

— Krishna, BS-MPH Alum



*"While working at the National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety at the Chinese Centers of Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), I am thankful for my coursework and research experience in the MPH program, as well as my brilliant colleagues and amazing professors. The program's collaboration with the*

*community provides substantial learning opportunities for students to use skills in the real world and collaborate with community members. It has been incredible for me to accomplish such a valuable degree in public health."*

— Grace, MPH Alumna



*"The MPH program prepared me for my role as a consultant at MedAssets, a health consulting firm. If it was not for the presentation experience and the hands on classroom training I received, I would not be where I am today. The small class size and professor dedication in the MPH program has made my dream job opportunity a reality."*

— Kevin, MPH Alum

*"Our accredited MPH program prepares students from diverse backgrounds and experiences to address most pressing public health problems through training with multidisciplinary faculty and researchers."*

— Dr. Flavia Andrade, MPH Faculty



*"The accredited and comprehensive MPH program will prepare students to become public health professionals and future leaders, adept at addressing current health challenges in diverse communities at the rural, local, national and global levels."*

— Dr. Hillary Klonoff-Cohen, MPH Program Director

