

What Can I do with a Major in **COMMUNITY HEALTH?**

The term "community health" refers to the health status of a defined group of people, or community, and the actions and conditions that protect and improve the health of the community. The actions and conditions that protect and improve community or population health can be organized into three areas: health promotion, health protection, and health services. This breakdown emphasizes the collaborative efforts of various public and private sectors in relation to community health. Much of the work of community health revolves around three basic tools: epidemiology, community organizing, and health education.

Typical Coursework

Anatomy and Physiology	Health Administration and Policy
Biology	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Chemistry	International and Comparative Health Administration
Communicable Diseases and Chronic Health Problems	Nutrition
Communicating Health and Safety	Philosophy and Principles of Health Education
Community Organizing and Building for Health	Policy Issues in Health Education
Contemporary Issues in Health Promotion	Probability and Statistics
Controversial Issues in Health	Program Planning and Evaluation
Design and Production of Instructional Materials	Psychology
Disease Prevention and Control	Research Methodology
Environmental and Occupational Health	Sociocultural and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health
Epidemiology Family Crisis and Intervention	
General Microbiology and Public Health	

Related Major Skills

Ability to teach / train	Working with parents or guardians	Team player
Explaining ideas clearly	Summarizing ideas	Lesson Planning
Writing and presenting	Detailed oriented	Creativity
Flexibility	Organization	Computer Skills
Decision making		

Directly Related Occupations

AIDS Educator	Corporate Fitness Coordinator	Environmental Advocate
Alcohol Educator/Counselor	Cultural Competency Trainer	Environmental Educator
Cancer Information Specialist	Disability Evaluator	Epidemiology Assistant
Cardiac Rehab Specialist	Domestic Violence Educator	Events Coordinator
Case Manager	Drug Counselor	Family Life Educator
Community Health Educator	Drug Rehabilitation Specialist	Family Planning Counselor
Community Outreach	Elder Nutrition Coordinator	Family Services Specialist
Community Organizer	Elder Services Director	Fire Prevention Specialist
Community Services Director	Eligibility Specialist	Fitness Counselor
Corporate Fundraiser	Employee Assistance Program	Fundraiser
		Grant Writer

Head Start Health Specialist	International Health Worker	Safety Educator
Health Advocate	Lactation Consultant	Senior Services Coordinator
Health and Safety Specialist	Occupational Health and Safety	Sex Educator
Health and Wellness Coordinator	Patient Education Coordinator	Social Services Coordinator
Health Education Director	Patient Educator	Support Services Supervisor
Health Counselor	Pharmaceutical Sales Rep	Teen Outreach Coordinator
Health Education Coordinator	Prevention Program Director	Teen Parent Educator
Health Education Specialist	Program Evaluator	Tobacco Educator
Health Educator	Program/Events Coordinator	Volunteer Services Coordinator
Health Information Specialist	Program Resource Coordinator	Well Baby Educator
Health Journalist	Program Specialist	Wellness Coordinator
Health Marketing Coordinator	Protective Services Worker	Wellness Consultant
Health Promotion Programmer	Public Information Specialist	Women's Health Director
Health Resource Specialist	Public Health Inspector	Women's Shelter Director
Health Workshop Instructor	Rape Prevention Educator	Worksite Safety Educator
Healthy Start Coordinator	Recruitment and Training	Youth Educator
High School Teacher, Health	Rehabilitation Counselor	Youth and Family Counselor
Health Media Consultant		Youth Outreach Coordinator
		Youth Program Specialist

Who Hires for this Occupation?

Health educators work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, non-profit organizations, government, doctors' offices, private business, and colleges. They generally work full time.

MN Colleges and Universities with a major in Community Health

Augsburg College	University of St. Thomas
Bemidji State University	St. Catherine University
Gustavus Adolphus College	St. Cloud State University
Hamline University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Minnesota State University, Mankato	University of Minnesota, Rochester
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Winona State University

Professional Association Links

American Public Health Association, <http://www.apha.org/>
National Association of County and City Health Officials, <http://www.naccho.org/careers/>
World Health Organization, <http://www.who.int/en/>
Society for Public Health Education, <http://www.sophe.org/default.cfm>

For More Information

Contact ARCC Career Counseling: (763) 433-1240 (CR campus), (763) 433-1840 (Cambridge campus) or stop by the campus Information Desk

Information adapted from: Minnesota Career Information System <https://mncis.intocareers.org>,
Career Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington <http://uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html> & Occup Outlook Handbook, www.bls.gov/ooh