

What is Community Health?

Community health focuses on public health practice, aspects of interaction of individuals, families and community structures. The behavioral sciences form the theoretical basis for community interventions to enhance health and well-being.

What do Community/Public Health Educators Do?

Develop, plan, implement, and evaluate health programs and services.

What kind of job can I get with a Community Health Degree?

Community/Public Health Educators work in all geographic settings worldwide, although their roles vary depending on the location.

Practice Settings

*Community Setting * School (K-12) *Healthcare Setting * Business/Industry *College/University

Job Outlook

Employment of health educators and community health workers is projected to grow 21 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by efforts to improve health outcomes and to reduce healthcare costs by teaching people about healthy habits and behaviors and utilization of available health care services. (*United States Department of Labor, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/health-educators.htm>, 2014*)

Real-life Settings

- Public and private secondary schools
- Consumer advocacy organizations
- Consulting firms
- Hospitals and clinics
- Managed care organizations
- Insurance companies
- International health agencies
- Health services delivery organizations
- Substance abuse centers and agencies
- Centers for the aging
- Health services delivery organizations
- State and local governments
- Academic institutions
- International health organizations
- Rehabilitation centers
- Industry
- Corporations
- Think tanks
- Pharmaceutical and hospital supply
- Regulatory agencies
- Advocacy groups
- Government agencies
- Public and private foundations
- Professional associations
- Labor and consumer organizations

Examples of jobs requiring a community/public health degree:

- Outreach Specialist
- Director of American Heart Association
- HIV/AIDS Behavior Change Technical Assistant
- Information Systems Manager, Industry/Corporate
- Health Services Research Analyst, University
- Policy Analyst, Federal Government
- Healthcare Analyst
- Project Specialist
- Health Economist
- Community Health Educator
- Emergency Watch Commander Medical and Health Services Research
- Chief Operating Officer Neighborhood Health Plan

For more information on careers in Community Health please contact the Program Coordinator Dr. Joseph Day at jday2@govst.edu.

