

# Careers in Public Health

## What is Public Health?

**PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN PUBLIC HEALTH SEEK TO PROMOTE AND SAFEGUARD THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY RESIDE. PREVENTION OF ILLNESS OR INJURY IS A TOP PRIORITY AS WELL AS THE PROMOTION OF HEALTHY HABITS TO ENSURE WELLNESS.**

Source: <https://www.apha.org/what-is-public-health>

### COMPETENCIES

- Analytical/Assessment Skills
- Policy Development/Program Planning Skills
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competency Skills
- Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Public Health Sciences Skills
- Financial Planning and Management Skills
- Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills

Source: [http://www.phf.org/programs/corecompetencies/Pages/COL\\_CorePublicHealthCompetencies\\_Guidance\\_Definitions.aspx](http://www.phf.org/programs/corecompetencies/Pages/COL_CorePublicHealthCompetencies_Guidance_Definitions.aspx)

### SALARIES\* IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Health & Wellness Manager	\$ 96,540
Biostatistician	\$ 81,950
Environmentalism/Sanitarian	\$ 75,360
Epidemiologist	\$ 70,820
Emergency Preparedness Specialist	\$ 70,500
Medical Writer	\$ 69,850
Health Inspector	\$ 66,820
Non-Governmental Organization Director	\$ 64,680
Public Health Information Officer	\$ 58,020
Community Health Worker	\$ 44,390
Environmental Health Technician	\$ 44,190

Source: <https://www.mphonline.org/highest-paying-jobs-public-health>  
\*Median salary based on BLS data

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job Title	Projected Growth (2018-2028)
Biostatistician	11%
Community Health Worker	11%
Environmental Health Tech	7%-10%
Epidemiologist	4%-6%
Health Educator	7%-10%
Medical & Health Service Mgr	4%-6%
Occupation Health/Safety Spc	4%-6%

Source: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUCCESS

- Get experience through internships or jobs
- Develop skills in communication, research, data analysis, and technology
- Cultivate leadership and teamwork skills
- Be an active member of student government or health-related campus organizations
- Volunteer within your community
- Learn the fundamentals of grant writing
- Consider a graduate degree

Source: <https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/>

# University Career Center Resources

## Job Postings

## Student Employment

Cards Career Connection powered by Handshake is our recruiting database for student employment, Federal Work Study, internship, and professional entry-level positions. You have access to employer descriptions, contact details (if released), position postings, career fairs, information sessions, information tables, and a calendar of other events. Log in using ULink credentials at <https://louisville.joinhandshake.com> and click on "Jobs" at the top.

## Career Coaching

Make an appointment with your career coach to discuss career exploration, planning, and job searching. Coaches are assigned to programs of study and assist students with connecting their major to a career field.

To schedule an appointment:

- Log into your Handshake account at <https://louisville.joinhandshake.com> using your ULink credentials.
- Click "Career Center" at top and select "Appointments."
- Click "Schedule A New Appointment" button on left and follow prompts.

## Document Drop

Receive feedback on your resume and cover letter within two business days through the Document Drop program! Use the online form to submit your documents at [www.louisville.edu/career/forms/document-drop](http://www.louisville.edu/career/forms/document-drop).

## Drop-In Hours

Drop-In hours are available for students to stop by and get resume and cover letter advice, ask questions, or get an overview of the services offered by the University Career Center (UCC). Check online for current drop-in hours at [www.louisville.edu/career](http://www.louisville.edu/career).

## Visit Us!

**University Career Center**  
**Houchens Building, LL03**  
**[www.louisville.edu/career](http://www.louisville.edu/career)**  
**502-852-6701**

The Student Employment Program consists of part-time jobs located on- and off-campus.

- Check Handshake for positions on (or near) campus.
  - ° Log in at <https://louisville.joinhandshake.com> using your ULink credentials.
  - ° Search filters include part-time, on-campus, and city and state.
- Check frequently as on-campus opportunities fill quickly. Follow application instructions listed for each.
- Check with the Financial Aid Office to see if you are eligible for the Federal Work Study Program. Many campus departments hire work study students.
- Departments are not required to post their positions in Handshake. Inquire directly with campus departments in which you might be interested. Departments that typically hire students include:  
Aramark Food Service | Campus Housing | Ekstrom Library | Intramural Sports | Student Rec. Center

## Career Fairs

The UCC typically hosts or co-hosts 5 career fairs per year. The fall term starts off with the Student Employment Fair followed by the Fall Career and Graduate School Fair in October. The complete list can be found on our website.

## Online Resources

**Candid Career Videos** - a library of short videos on hundreds of career fields and job search topics.

**Cardinal Career Compass** - a four-year plan outlining steps to take during each year as an undergraduate.

**Focus 2** - is an online career education planning system. It provides a picture of your interests, values, personality, skills, and leisure activities using self-assessment questionnaires, interest inventories, and personality testing.

**What Can I Do With This Major?** - provides information on 90 majors including career areas, typical employers, and strategies to enter that career area, as well as links to other resources.

**InterviewStream** - a virtual interview program. With a webcam, recorded mock interviews can be conducted choosing from thousands of pre-recorded interview questions.

**Resume Writing Guide** - provides a brief overview of crafting your resume along with examples of different formats.