

# Public Health

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## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/publichealth/](http://www.ndsu.edu/publichealth/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/publichealth/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
Minor
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/public-health/](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/public-health/) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/public-health/>)

The public health minor engages students in the history and philosophy of public health as well as its core values, concepts and functions across the globe and in society. The minor includes understanding of the socioeconomic, behavioral, and biological factors that impact human health and contribute to health disparities. Communication skills will be emphasized through writing, critical thinking, and other methods of oral and visual/electronic communication. The minor compliments many majors such as Emergency Management, Sociology, Microbiology, Exercise Science, Nutrition, and Psychology and is a compliment to pre-health majors. Completing a minor in public health is also a great introduction for students thinking about graduate school to attain a Master of Public Health (MPH).

The field of public health is growing and there is increasing demand for public health professionals as well as other professionals in health-related fields as identified by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. More specifically, employment in the areas of health education, epidemiology, and statistics are identified as having a growing employment need.