The Public Health Science program includes a strong curriculum in science and public health courses, such as biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, and global health. Students will have the opportunity for individual exploration in public health through electives, laboratory experiences, optional internships, and a culminating interdisciplinary capstone course. This degree will enable students entering allied health professions, as well as medicine, dentistry, nursing, and pharmacy to address the growing health challenges facing global communities today.

Faculty

**Director:** Stephen Roth (Associate Dean and Professor)

**Assistant Directors:** Kristin Cipriani, Jessica O’Hara

**Lecturers:** Gretchen De Silva, Jessica O’Hara

**Associate Professors:** Dylan Roby (HLSA), Amir Sapkota (MIEH), Sacoby Wilson (MIEH)

**Assistant Professors:** Typhanye Dyer (EPIB), Natalie Slopen (EPIB), Devon Payne-Sturges (MIEH), Raul Cruz-Cano (EPIB), Jing Zhang (EPIB)

Programs

**Major**


Advising

Major academic advising is not mandatory for Public Health Science students, but is strongly encouraged. It is recommended that students meet with an academic advisor once per semester at a minimum. To schedule an academic advising appointment with our advising team, visit: https://appointments-sphl.umd.edu/ramonline. The program advisors coordinate closely with the School of Public Health Center for Academic Success and Achievement as well as the in-house Career Center and the Campus Career Center. Students interested in pursuing medicine and some allied health fields should also consult the Allied Health Advising Center.

Opportunities

**Internships and Research Experiences**

Internships and research experiences are strongly encouraged. Students participate in experiences both on and off campus. Public Health Science internship and independent study coordinator, Nancy Smith (nsmith10@umd.edu), can be contacted regarding the opportunity to complete an internship or research experience for credit.

**Scholarships and Financial Assistance**

The Office of Student Financial Aid administers all types of federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs, and in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, go to: https://www.financialaid.umd.edu/.

The School of Public Health also provides some scholarships for undergraduate students in need, including the Jerry P. Wrenn Endowed Scholarship, the School of Public Health Student Emergency Scholarship, the SPH Scholarship Fund, and TerpStart Scholarships. To learn more about School of Public Health scholarships, go to: http://sph.umd.edu/content/financing-your-degree.

Additional information on UMD-related financial resources can be found at http://sph.umd.edu/content/student-resources-and-services, by clicking the “Financial/Resource Assistance” link.

**Awards and Recognition**

Each spring, the Public Health Science program recognizes a select few exceptional undergraduates at the annual School of Public Health Honors Convocation.

**Academic Programs and Departmental Facilities**

The Public Health Science Program is located within the School of Public Health which houses multiple research centers and laboratories. Grant-funded faculty mentor both graduate and undergraduate students in areas such as neuroscience, Alzheimer’s, global health, environmental health, health policy, epidemiology, biostatistics, concussions, sports medicine, prosthetics, health equity, tobacco, and community health.