

PUBLIC HEALTH JOBS

Here are six ideas for what can you do with a master's in public health.

Epidemiologist

Annual salary range:

\$42,000 - \$90,000



What do they do?

Epidemiologists study, monitor and help to prevent the spread of infectious diseases through a population. They might work for the government, for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or for large, multinational corporations. They may also specialize, working for a pharmaceutical company, for instance.

A day in the life:

Most epidemiologists work in a lab or a research center. Some work might take you out into the field to deal directly with affected populations.

Demand and room for growth:

Growth in epidemiology is projected to be robust over the next 10 years.¹

Health Center Administrator



Annual salary range:

\$50,000 - \$140,000



What do they do?

40% of health center administrators find work in hospitals. They are responsible for overseeing a hospital or medical center's day-to-day administrative operations, either overall or within a single department.

A day in the life:

Administrators typically work a 40-hour week, with the expectation of overtime.

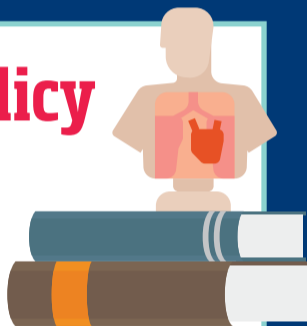
Demand and room for growth:

Growth is projected at 22% over the coming decade, much higher than average growth.²

Management Policy Advisor

Annual salary range:

\$90,000 - \$150,000



What do they do?

As a member of the executive team, a management policy advisor works with corporations, nonprofits or NGOs to analyze an organization's activities, offer insights and improve functioning through policy.

A day in the life:

Management policy advisors usually work in an office setting and spend time developing relationships with staff at their organizations in order to assess operational efficacy.

Demand and room for growth:

Professionals with advanced degrees are in especially high demand in the public sector, though a private-sector job might pay more. Demand is expected to increase in the coming decade.²

Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

Annual salary range:

\$278,000 - \$500,000



What do they do?

An executive position, CMOs oversee the clinical operations in a hospital or medical center. The CMO position is a typical end goal for administrators or clinicians who have worked in the private sector but who wish to shift their focus to public service.

A day in the life:

With days spent overseeing clinical staff, a CMO must keep up to date on all staff policies and procedures. CMOs are responsible for training new staff and advising existing staff as relevant policies are updated.

Demand and room for growth:

This is generally a highly competitive position, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that, along with most jobs in the healthcare sector, job growth will be vigorous over the next decade.³ Note that CMOs typically also have a medical degree.

Public Health Communications Specialist/Journalist

Annual salary range:

\$30,000 - \$96,000



What do they do?

Whether through a newspaper, online or via some other outlet, public health journalists work to keep the public informed about public health issues.

A day in the life:

Public health journalists research and write, and they will spend time interviewing and working with other professionals in the public health field to create their pieces.

Demand and room for growth:

The market for public health communications specialists is expected to grow at much higher than the average rate over the coming decade.²

Medical Writer

Annual salary range:

\$72,000, on average



What do they do?

Distinct from a communications specialist, medical writers typically produce copy for white papers, or pamphlets that might be handed out within a medical center or distributed online. They are expected to be able to clearly explain both medical conditions and treatment instructions.

A day in the life:

Typically a freelance position, medical writers set their own hours and work remotely.

Demand and room for growth:

There is high demand for medical writers, and it is expected to increase over the coming years.²

