

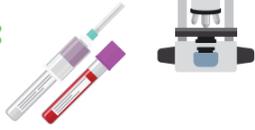
# PUBLIC HEALTH JOBS

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.<sup>1</sup>

## 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.

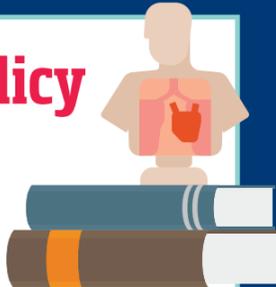
### Demand and room for growth:

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

## 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.<sup>2</sup>

## 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

## 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.<sup>2</sup>

