



**MAKING
HEALTH FOR ALL
POSSIBLE.**





HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ...

How flu outbreaks are tracked and reported?

How a balanced diet can improve your mood?

If tobacco intervention programs work?

How you can encourage family members to start exercising?

Why chronic illnesses affect men and women differently?


Who mobilizes resources after a natural disaster?

How sedentary lifestyles cost us money?

Why the opioid crisis is worse in some towns than others?

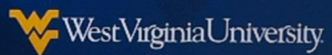
Who ensures communities have access to safe drinking water?

Then a degree in **PUBLIC HEALTH** might be right for you.

A large, modern university hallway with a prominent blue banner. Students are seen walking on a staircase to the left and in the foreground, some blurred to suggest movement. The banner features the text 'HEALTH SCIENCES' in a yellow box, followed by 'YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.' in large white and yellow letters. The West Virginia University logo is at the bottom of the banner. The background shows a well-lit interior with glass railings and colorful artwork on the walls.

HEALTH SCIENCES

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WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

Founded on the principle of social justice, public health ensures that all citizens have the opportunity for good health.

It is the art and science of protecting and improving population health through education, service and prevention.

PUBLIC HEALTH IS A CAREER AND A CALLING.

Public health professionals identify and track diseases, create public policy and impact the health and safety of people and their communities.

The School of Public Health has staff dedicated to career preparation and planning.



"We have the ability to positively impact the well-being of local and global communities."

Tayler Lee

/Public Health student

WHAT CAN YOU BECOME?

- Public health information officer
- Community health educator
- Environmental health technician
- Health promotion coordinator
- Behavioral health program coordinator
- Global health worker
- Patient navigator
- Health literacy advocate
- Consumer safety officer
- Health and wellness manager

WHERE CAN YOU WORK?

- Local and regional health departments
- Healthcare providers
- Global health organizations
- Law enforcement
- Corporate worksite wellness programs
- Disaster planning and response agencies
- Educational institutions
- Special population health programs
- Environmental organizations
- Nonprofit agencies

There are **2,000+** PATIENT NAVIGATOR jobs on **Indeed.com** – right now!

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A patient navigator is a health professional who focuses on a patient's needs. The navigator helps guide the patient through the healthcare system and works to overcome obstacles that hinder the patient receiving required care and treatment.



A DEGREE THAT MATTERS.

Public health is a new field of study at the undergraduate level. In the past, colleges and universities throughout the country only offered graduate degrees in public health. Now, WVU students can start a career in public health after earning a bachelor's degree. Students who enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Public Health program want to make a difference in their communities and improve the health and well-being of the people around them.



"I want to apply skills I have learned to improve the health of West Virginians and people all over the world."

Marco Schaaf

/Public Health student

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Public Health program requires WVU general education coursework plus classes in the Public Health major and an area of emphasis. Throughout the program, students engage in the five core public health disciplines:

- ✓ Biostatistics
- ✓ Environmental health sciences
- ✓ Epidemiology
- ✓ Health policy and administration
- ✓ Social and behavioral sciences

Sample Courses

Global Perspectives of Public Health

Social Determinants of Public Health

Emergency Preparedness

U.S. Healthcare System: Structures and Benefits

Introduction to Patient Navigation

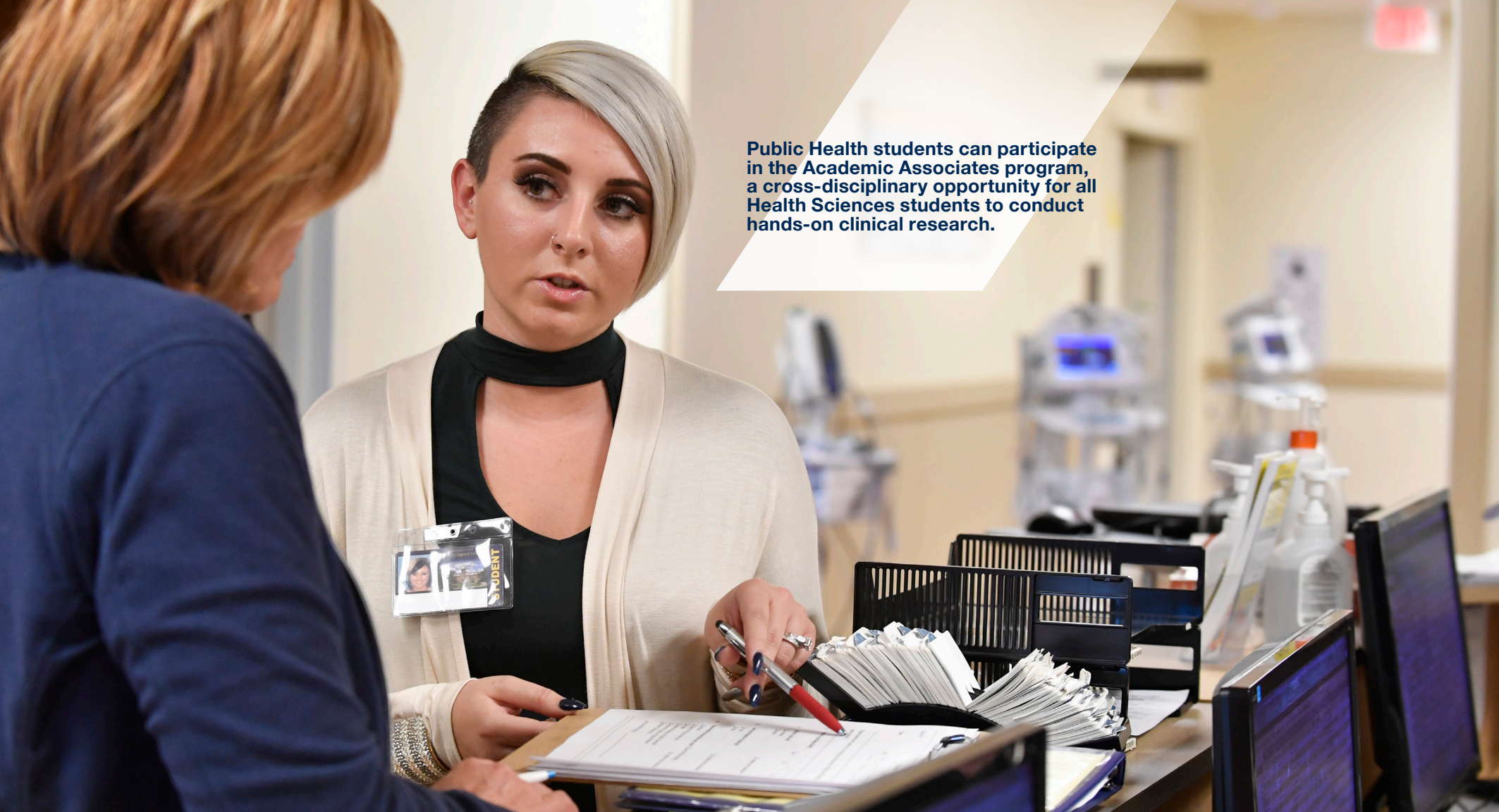
Health in the Workplace



GRADUATE EDUCATION

Some students extend their education in Public Health by earning a master's or doctoral degree. WVU offers:

- ✓ Master of Public Health (MPH)
- ✓ Master of Science in Biostatistics (MS)
- ✓ Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health Sciences (PhD)
- ✓ Applied Biostatistics Certificate



Public Health students can participate in the Academic Associates program, a cross-disciplinary opportunity for all Health Sciences students to conduct hands-on clinical research.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

Public Health students complete field placements and gain hands-on, real-world experience working with local community agencies, including:

- /// American Red Cross
- /// WVU Injury Control Research Center
- /// Monongalia County Health Department
- /// Greater Morgantown Safe Communities

Students can work directly with expert faculty

CONDUCTING RESEARCH THAT MATTERS.

Many Public Health students join

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

across campus and in the region to expand their network.

There are **465+** student organizations at WVU.

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND LEARN.

WVU students hail from 107 nations, all 50 states (plus D.C.) and every county in West Virginia. This blend of cultures and the great relationship between the University and the city help students discover new ideas and experience a sense of community.

As a School of Public Health student, you'll also be a part of WVU's Health Sciences Center, which is home to 14 doctoral programs, three hospitals, a cancer center, dental clinics, simulation labs and more. There are more than 10,000 WVU alumni from the health sciences programs practicing in West Virginia.

Chances are, you'll meet a few along the way.



WEST VIRGINIA

Our region's natural beauty is famous, and people around the world sing "take me home, country roads." West Virginia is called the Mountain State for a reason — mountains are (literally) a big part of who we are. When we see a mountain, we start planning how to climb it.

Beautiful spots to enjoy camping, rock climbing, kayaking, mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding and world-class whitewater are nearby.

West Virginia has 37 state parks, nine state forests and two national forests.



Morgantown has miles of riverside trails for cycling, running or rollerblading right by campus.



PROXIMITY TO MAJOR CITIES

DRIVING TIMES

Pittsburgh, PA — 1.5 hours

Columbus, OH — 3 hours

Washington, D.C. — 3.5 hours

Richmond, VA — 5 hours

Cincinnati, OH — 5 hours

Philadelphia, PA — 5 hours

Indianapolis, IN — 5.75 hours

New York, NY — 6 hours

START YOUR JOURNEY.

GET TO KNOW US. APPLY ONLINE.

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Schedule a visit at
admissions.wvu.edu/visit

ASK QUESTIONS.

Contact Lauren Devine,
Recruitment Specialist,
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lauren.devine@hsc.wvu.edu

 publichealth.wvu.edu/apply-now

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*"I chose WVU for the high level of
faculty interactions and because the
Public Health undergraduate program
was the best fit for me."*

Jeevan Murthy
/Public Health student





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