Learn Public Health
BY DOING PUBLIC HEALTH

The Master of Public Health program is rooted in Brown’s tradition of academic excellence and innovative collaboration across disciplines.
Impact

Not just theory. Action.

At the Brown University School of Public Health, faculty aren’t solely academics. They’re public health practitioners – toxicologists, health insurance commissioners, department of health directors. They bring experience from the field into the classroom. Their real-life stories make the lessons come alive.

As a student, you too will learn public health by doing public health. You’ll see over and over how what you learn in the classroom applies in the real world. Interested in health policy? We’ll help you find internships in organizations and state agencies, where you can see health policy in the making. Want to make a difference in a particular population? We’ll help connect you with a program to fight obesity in Providence neighborhoods. Want to improve delivery of health care? We’ll connect you with one of Brown’s seven affiliated hospitals.

You name it, and we’ll find a way make what you’re learning seem real and important and applicable. Because it is.

“Students choose to learn public health at Brown because they can play an active role in designing their own academic program. By doing that, we allow our students to think about personal goals and passions.”

– Terrie Fox Wetle, MS, PhD, dean of the School of Public Health and professor of health services research, policy and practice
“I chose the MPH program at Brown because it’s small and invests in its students. It allows for incredible access to professors and opportunities to apply what we learn in the classroom in workplace and community settings.”

– Morgan Hargraves
Rigor

The world’s health problems are challenging. So is our curriculum.

No research in a vacuum here. We are committed to the translation of research into policy. We believe that if our students are going to bring about real improvements in the health of populations, if they are going to bring new understanding to disease risk factors and health promotion, they need considerable knowledge and analytical skills.

Our goal is to prepare students to improve human health on a large scale – whether by influencing health policy, by designing better public health interventions, or by investigating environmental and community health risks. That’s why we place so much emphasis on research. At our 11 public health research centers, students learn how to improve their research skills while doing real research that creates new knowledge about population health.

**RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES**

- Alcohol and Addiction Studies
- Behavioral and Preventive Medicine
- Brown University AIDS Program
- Community Health Promotion
- Environmental Health and Technology
- Gerontology and Healthcare Research
- International Health
- Population Health and Clinical Epidemiology
- Primary Care and Prevention
- Evidence Based Medicine
- Statistical Sciences

**DEPARTMENTS**

- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology (with Environmental Health)
- Health Services, Policy and Practice
At Brown, “You get to hear a wide array of voices and opinions.”

- Ali Zaman
Collaboration

Brown is all about working together – often across boundaries.

Faculty and students move freely among the School’s 11 research centers and four public health departments – and across and beyond the University, too. You can work with:

- Physicians from Alpert Medical School and political scientists from the Watson Institute for International Studies to find ways to improve humanitarian response around the world.
- Designers from the Rhode Island School of Design to devise healthier urban neighborhoods.
- Colleagues at the Rhode Island Department of Health to help families live healthier lives in the maternal and child visiting programs.
- Rhode Island environmentalists, policy makers, and researchers in reducing exposure to lead paint making homes safer for children.

Brown has strong ties with universities and organizations nationally and all over the world. Such as, the collaboration with the University of Cape Town to create the next generation of HIV social science researchers in South Africa, or work with students from the Brown-Tougaloo, MS partnership in Public Health education, or collaborate with Samoan health providers to study type 2 diabetes.

Join our diverse community.

Support

Our small size is no accident.

We are committed to a low student-to-faculty ratio. It’s how we provide our students personal attention from faculty who truly care. It’s how we enable our faculty to be flexible and responsive as they help each student find his or her individual path. Their goal is to help you emerge a strong, independent researcher and/or practitioner in your own right.

Our small size means students know each other, too. Walk into any class, and before long you’ll know everyone in the room.

At Brown, public health is personal.
Service

It’s more than knowledge for the sake of knowledge, we aim to make a difference.

In the 250 years since it’s founding, the University’s mission is “to serve the community, the nation, and the world by discovering, communicating, and preserving knowledge.” Brown students are animated by a can-do, can-change spirit. But don’t take our word for it. Ashoka U, an accelerator for social entrepreneurship at institutions of higher education, recently named Brown a Changemaker Campus.

The School of Public Health is perfectly aligned with this ethos, and attracts students and faculty who believe they can make a positive difference.

“At Brown we celebrate diversity. Students come to us from diverse backgrounds, focus on different aspects of public health while they are here, then go on to make important public health contributions in academic settings, government agencies, consulting firms and non-profits. The common denominator is a passion for public health and wanting to make a difference.”

– Patrick Vivier, MD, PhD, director of the MPH program and associate professor of health services, policy and practice
7 TRACKS
Generalist, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Biostatistics, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Global Health, Health Services

2 YEAR PROGRAM

8 CORE COURSES

145 HOURS of applied internship experience

5 ELECTIVES

1 THESIS
Your opportunity to learn by doing
Access

Rhode Island isn’t just a great place to live.

Sure, it’s got miles of coastline, acres of nature preserves, and a vibrant capital city boasting a lively arts scene and some of the best restaurants in New England.

But it’s also the perfect “collaboratory” for the study and practice of public health. Comprising 1,000 square miles and 1 million people, the smallest state in the union is manageable in scope while being economically and ethnically diverse. Which makes it the ideal place not only to collect data, but also to evaluate interventions and understand why they work.

Rhode Island’s small size means that no one is ever out of reach. Our MPH students have access to organizations and government agencies – from the insurance commissioner’s office to the Lt. Governor’s office, from the Department of Health to the seven local hospitals affiliated with Brown’s Alpert Medical School – that are key to improving population health.
ALUMNI
Every day, we focus on training tomorrow’s leaders in public health, changemakers who are armed with the skills to conduct research, bring about policy change, and positively affect the health of populations. Graduates of our program go on to careers in public health consulting, government, academia, and NGOs.

“The Brown Master of Public Health program provided me with an outstanding foundation in public health research and field experience, and inspired me to pursue a career in epidemiology and global health.

As an epidemiologist and faculty member at Cornell University, I now have the opportunity to recommend the Brown MPH to my own advisees and undergraduate students in global and public health sciences.”

– Julia Finkelstein, Brown MPH ’05

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To apply to our program, visit http://brown.edu/go/MPH/admissions

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis from January until May 31st, or until the class is filled. Applicants should apply by January 2 for the best chance of being offered financial support.

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