

# Public Health

## ***Nature of the Profession***

*Public health professionals seek to assure conditions in which people can be healthy through the promotion of health and the prevention of disease, illness and injury. Public health professionals focus their activities on populations rather than individuals. They work in a variety of settings, including government and private agencies, hospitals, and community health centers. Public health work is organized and interdisciplinary in its approach.*

## **APTITUDES**

- Ability to learn the principles and science of public health
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work with a variety of people
- Analytical skills and ability to make decisions based on observation and data
- Ability to supervise others and plan and implement programs
- Commitment to social justice

## **EDUCATION**

Applicants to the Master of Public Health program must possess a minimum four year baccalaureate degree in any discipline.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN NEBRASKA**

- University of Nebraska – Omaha (M)
- University of Nebraska Medical Center – Omaha (M)

The Master of Public Health (MPH) Program at the University of Nebraska is a joint program in the College of Public Health between the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The MPH Program currently offers concentrations in public health administration, biostatistics/epidemiology and in community health education.

## **LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION**

There are currently no licensing or certification requirements for persons with a public health degree.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

### ***American Public Health Association***

Web Address: [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)

### ***Public Health Association of Nebraska***

Web Address: [www.publichealthne.org](http://www.publichealthne.org)