LEARN BY EXPERIENCING

Your SIU education will go well beyond the classroom walls. We partner with numerous community organizations to provide you with relevant, practical field experience in public health under the guidance of trained professionals. It’s a great way to learn by doing – and to make valuable connections in the field, too. You also will have the opportunity to participate in relevant research with real-world implications under the guidance of faculty members and doctoral students.

Many of our students also get involved in Eta Sigma Gamma, our very active, national award-winning honorary student health organization. Through the organization, undergraduate and graduate students in the public health and health education programs participate in community service projects, attend conferences where they connect with public health professionals statewide and nationally, and develop friendships with others in their field.
LOOKING FOR A GRATIFYING POSITION WITH STRONG EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS?

If so, a fulfilling career in public health may be in your future. Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Bachelor of Science in Public Health program prepares graduates to work in the health professions. Public health professionals promote wellness and help people lead healthier lives, either individually or by implementing strategies and programs to improve community health.

According to the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job outlook is very strong, with an expected job growth rate of 13 percent through 2024. That’s well above the average employment growth rate. Moreover, the annual median wage as of 2014 was about $42,500 — and wages are considerably higher for many graduates, particularly those employed in hospitals or in the government sector.

ENVISION YOUR FUTURE
Our graduates find employment in a wide variety of health-related organizations and occupations. County and state public health departments, nonprofit health agencies, insurance companies, health centers, hospitals and clinics, corporate health centers and web-based health companies are just a few of the possibilities.

SIU’s public health curriculum is challenging and interesting. The program’s dedicated, young, nationally recognized faculty realize the value of research, as well as teaching and mentoring students. They forge connections with our diverse student population in small, interactive classes. Our goal is to make sure that our students get the experience, both in and out of the classroom, that will prepare them for a rewarding future in the field of public health.

TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL
For those who want to advance their careers in public health, SIU offers master’s degree and doctoral programs as well. You can complete your master’s degree in 21 months, and we offer numerous graduate assistantship opportunities.
THE EXPERIENCE

"I really appreciate the dedication all of the public health professors have to their students. They were constantly willing to help in any way they could, and I'm thankful for the excellent relationships I had with my instructors. The advanced first-aid course with Dr. Peggy Wilken is one that I will never forget. Being able to do an ambulance ride-along, watch an autopsy and participate in a mock disaster were unforgettable experiences. The public health program taught me a lot about responsibility, and the required practicum really showed me what it takes to use the skills I learned in the real world."

– Lindsey Kirk, May 2015
public health graduate

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