School of Public Health

General Statement

Founded in 1998 as the first public health school in the nation with a focus on rural and underserved communities, the School of Public Health developed into a nationally ranked, fully accredited public health research, service and training program. After only nine years, U.S. News & World Report ranked the school as a Top 25 Graduate School in Public Health.

Offering classes at the College Station campus as well as other Texas locations through distance education, the school provides public health bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral programs in several public health disciplines: epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health, occupational health, occupational safety and health, health administration, policy and management, and health promotion and community health sciences. In addition to core public health curriculum, the school is home to several centers of research excellence.

Providing a forum for future public health leaders, the school builds an array of research strengths and practice skills for rural and urban settings.

History

The School of Public Health is the first of its kind in the nation. The Texas Legislature established the school in 1995 as part of a rural health initiative to better address rural health needs in the state. After receiving degree-granting authority for the Master of Public Health degree in April 1998 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the School of Rural Public Health welcomed its inaugural class in September 1998.

In 2014, the School of Public Health welcomed its first students into the brand-new Bachelor of Science in Public Health program, the first program of its kind in the state affiliated with a fully accredited School of Public Health. With a mission to serve the public health needs of the entire state, the undergraduate program is based on a philosophy of health promotion and disease prevention to improve the quality of life of individuals, families, and communities in the State of Texas and beyond. Graduates of the BSPH program will be able to assess factors influencing health in populations as well as plan, design, implement and successfully manage effective healthcare programs and interventions as well as be well-positioned for careers in medicine, nursing and other allied health professions.

The school currently offers one bachelor’s degree program, three master’s degree programs, and two doctoral degree programs.

Location

The School of Public Health’s administration and faculty are located in a state-of-the-art, three-building complex in College Station, on the Texas A&M University west campus. The nearly 100,000-square-foot complex includes classrooms fully equipped with videoconferencing technology to support the school’s innovative distance education programs that reach across the breadth of the state. The laboratory building provides a venue for the school’s internationally regarded toxicology group to engage in exemplary public health work and provides a vehicle for training tomorrow’s researchers. The administration building houses the administration and faculty. In addition, the school operates on-going regional instructional and research programs at the McAllen campus.

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Majors

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- Bachelor of Science of Public Health (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/public-health/public-health-studies/bs)

Minors

Department of Public Health Studies

Masters

School of Public Health
- Master of Health Administration in Health Administration (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/interdepartmental/health-administration-mha)
- Master of Public Health in Occupational Safety and Health (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/interdepartmental/occupational-safety-health-mph)
- Master of Science in Public Health in Health Policy and Management (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/interdepartmental/health-policy-management-msp)

Department of Environmental and Occupational Health
- Master of Public Health in Environmental Health (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/environmental-occupational-health/environmental-health-mph)
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Master of Public Health in Biostatistics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics/biostatistics-mph)
- Master of Public Health in Epidemiology (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics/epidemiology-mph)

Department of Health Policy and Management
- Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/health-policy-management/mph)

Department of Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences
- Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/health-promotion-community-health-sciences/mph)

Doctoral
School of Public Health
- Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Research (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/interdepartmental/health-services-research-phd)
- Doctor of Public Health in Epidemiology and Environmental Health (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/public-health/interdepartmental/epidemiology-environmental-health-drph)

Department of Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences
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