**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR**

The Department of Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences ultimately seeks to equip professionals who will improve the quality of life for others and reduce health disparities by preparing students to identify the role of biological, behavioral, environmental, and social forces on population health. Students will have the opportunity to improve the health of individuals and communities through the planning, implementation, and evaluation of health interventions and to be taught to become informed health professionals capable of making the world healthier and more humane. Students also receive a specialized education through coursework designed to help them develop as a professional, expand their knowledge and skills related to public health education, and prepare them for professional public health practice.

The curricula offers opportunities to obtain professional preparation and certification for careers in the public health sector, allied health and medical related professions (e.g., physical therapy, occupational therapy, physicians’ assistant, nursing, or medicine), and a broad and diverse range of other local, state, national, and international organizations including government and private health agencies, clinical settings, nonprofit organizations, schools and universities, volunteer agencies, and other community organizations in careers that promote and improve health.

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**Minors**

- Health Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/public-health/health-behavior/health-minor/)