

Public Health Prevention Service



Background

Since 1997, CDC's Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) has addressed the need for a public health workforce capable of applying a range of disciplines and strategies to programs that prevent disease and injury while promoting health. PHPS is a 3-year training and service program for master's level public health professionals, designed to train and prepare tomorrow's public health managers.

PHPS focuses on public health program management and provides fellows with experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating public health programs through specialized hands-on training and mentorship at CDC, as well as in state and local health organizations. Formal instruction in program management, epidemiology, surveillance, emergency response, and program evaluation is also included. Approximately 25 fellows enter the program annually.

PHPS in Action

PHPS fellows work in a variety of public health program areas as they strengthen their skills in public health program management. Examples of PHPS activities include:

- Developing strategies for asthma prevention in collaboration with community partners
- Establishing partnerships with faith-based communities to combat HIV/AIDS
- Planning and developing occupational health and injury surveillance programs
- Conducting community health needs assessments for public health initiatives
- Evaluating programs (e.g., community health workers, preparedness initiatives)
- Implementing initiatives to improve local food systems

Eligibility

- A master's degree in public health or related field
- U.S. citizenship
- A strong desire for a career in public health practice
- Above average academic achievement in core areas of public health
- At least 1- year paid public health-related work experience

How to Apply

Eligible persons may apply online at <http://www.cdc.gov/phps>. The PHPS application period usually starts in November and closes in February each year.

Check us out online: <http://www.cdc.gov/phps>

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