Student Organizations
Student Government Association

Organizes community service and social activities for students

Most Recent Events:

• Spooky Social at Mario’s
  • Raised money for The Open Door, which provides supportive housing and related services to improve the health of the forgotten population of high-risk, chronically homeless people living with HIV

• Undergrad/Grad Student Social At Arsenal Bowling
  • Raised money for a scholarship for Veterans
Student Organizations

- Doctoral Student Organization (DSO)
- Minority Student Organization (MSO)
- Global Health Student Association (GHSA)
- Association of Women In Public Health (AWPH)
- Student Public Health Epidemic Response Effort (SPHERe)
- Health Policy and Management Association (HPMA)
- Public Health Fitness And Recreation Organization (PHFARO)
Reasons to get involved

• Great way to make friends
• Time away from lab
• Network
• Help make a difference in the community with service events
• Increase scholarship opportunities
• Learn something new
• Looks good on CV
• It’s good for your health!—Being involved reduces stress because it lets you focus on something other than yourself

*To learn more about each individual organization, visit these organizations at their booths at today’s marketplace!
Welcome!
Getting to Know Us...
Why Pitt Public Health?

• One of six Schools of the Health Sciences at University of Pittsburgh

• One of 56 CEPH-accredited schools of public health in the U.S.

• Ranked among the top five schools of public health in the U.S., based on NIH funding
Why Pitt Public Health

- Awarded more than $1 billion in NIH funding since 2000
- Dedication to education and low student-to-teacher ratio (4:1)
- Unique opportunities for education, research, and service
A Leader in Public Health Research

- The longest-running investigation of the natural history of AIDS (*Pitt Men’s Study*)
- Home of Models of Infectious Disease Agents Study National Center of Excellence (MIDAS), producing simulations and databases on existing/emerging infectious diseases (*FRED* and *TYCHO*)
A Leader in Public Health Research

• Schoolwide effort to shed light on drug overdose epidemic through education, research, and community partnerships

• Committed to public health issues, at all levels of “public,” for example:
  • Local (Marcellus Shale Drilling)
  • Statewide (WalkWorks)
  • National (ACA and Medicaid expansion)
  • Global (modeling epidemics)
Overview for this morning

• Pitt Public Health’s departments and programs
• Co-curricular opportunities: joint degrees, certificates, centers
• Student life (on campus and in the ‘burgh)
• Financial aid
• Career services
• How to apply
Departments and Degrees
Behavioral and Community Health Sciences

**MPH, DrPH, PhD**

- How do social, cultural, political, and behavioral factors affect health?
- How can we work with communities to design effective public health interventions based on those factors?
Biostatistics
MPH, MS, PhD

- What do public health and medical data tell us about how to improve health?
- What new statistical methods do we need to perform those analyses?
Environmental and Occupational Health

MPH, DrPH, MS, PhD

• What are the health effects of environmental and occupational exposures to biological, chemical, and physical agents?

• How can we measure these exposures and design public health interventions?
Epidemiology
MPH, DrPH, MS, PhD

- What are the patterns of disease and of risk factors in populations?
- Infectious disease, aging, cancer, chronic disease (cardiovascular/diabetes), mental health, reproductive health, etc.
Health Policy & Management
MPH, MHA, MS, PhD

• How do policy decisions and the policy process affect health?
• Management skills for leadership in health care and public health organizations.
How do genetic factors and other risk factors interact to affect the health of individuals and populations?

How can we apply this knowledge in the clinical and public health settings to improve health?
Infectious Diseases and Microbiology
MPH (2 flavors), MS, PhD

• How do mechanisms of pathogenesis work at the cellular and molecular levels?

• How can we apply that knowledge for disease prevention and treatment?
Multidisciplinary MPH

Individualized MPH program developed to meet the unique needs of doctoral-level health professionals
Peace Corps Master’s International

Combine an MPH with Peace Corps service

• Epidemiology
• Behavioral and Community Health Sciences
• Infectious Diseases and Microbiology
Joint Degree Options

- MPH/MPA
- Master of Public Administration
- MPH/MPIA
- Master of Public and International Affairs
- MPH/MID
- Master of International Development
- MPH/JD
- Juris Doctor
Joint Degree Options

- MPH/MSW
- Master of Social Work
- MPH/PhD
- Doctorate in Social Work
- MPH/PhD
- Doctorate in Anthropology
- PhD/MD
- Epidemiology or Genetics
Certificate Options

- Global Health
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Individuals Health and Wellness
- Health Equity
- Public Health Genetics
- Evaluation of Public Health Programs
- Public Health Systems Engineering
- Community-Based Participatory Research
- Health Systems Leadership and Management
- Environmental Health Risk Assessment
Research and Practice Centers

• Epidemiology Data Center
• Aging and Population Health
• LGBT Health Research
• Health Equity
• Health Policy Institute
• Environmental Public Health
• Public Health Practice
• Public Health Dynamics Laboratory
Opportunities for Involvement
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And Pitt Public Health students do get involved…

- Donations at social events *(Wounded Warrior Veterans Education Assistance)*
- Food drives *(Pittsburgh Community Food Bank)*
- Blood drives *(Central Blood Bank)*
- Service projects *(Off the Floor furniture donations)*
- Fair trade coffee sales *(Kiva)*
- Penny Wars *(UNICEF)*
What makes Pitt Public Health special?

- Plunge into Public Health
- Pitt’s Day of Caring
- International Dinner
- Dean’s Day Student Research Competition
- Summer practica
- Certified in Public Health (CPH) Exam
- One Book, One Community
- This year: Sam Quinones’ Dreamland
Perks of Pitt

- Discounted tickets for cultural events with your Pitt ID
- Cross-registration at nearby universities
- Opportunities to collaborate with other Schools of the Health Sciences
- State-of-the-art fitness facilities
- Free public transportation with your Pitt ID
Living in Pittsburgh

- Vital cultural district – symphony, opera, ballet, concerts, theatre, museums
- “Destination city for cultural arts” – ranked third among midsized cities (American Style)
- Welcoming community; family-friendly neighborhoods
- Affordable cost of living (six percent below the national average)
- Fanatical sports town – football, hockey, college basketball
- ...and baseball (GO BUCS!!)
- Year-round outdoor activities: hiking, cycling, kayaking, rowing, skiing
New Building