Welcome!
Getting to Know Us…
Why Pitt Public Health?

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

• One of over 75 accredited schools and programs 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 a 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)
• The first (and only) school of public health with a Department of Human Genetics

Committed to public health issues, at all levels of “public,” for example:

• Local (Marcellus Shale Drilling)
• Statewide (WalkWorks)
• National (Medicare Part D)
• Global (exposure to foodborne toxins)
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
• Schedule for today
Departments and Degrees
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?
• 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.
Human Genetics
MPH, MS, PhD, MS Genetic Counseling

• 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

Student Organizations

- Student Government Association
- Association of Women in Public Health
- Doctoral Student Organization
- Global Health Student Association
- Health Policy and Management Association
- Minority Student Organization
- Student Public Health Epidemic Response Effort
Opportunities for Involvement
And Pitt Public Health students do get involved…

- International dinner *(Pittsburgh Community Food Bank)*
- Food drives *(Pittsburgh Community Food Bank)*
- Blood drives *(Central Blood Bank)*
- First aid kits for Haiti *(Team Tassy)*
- Fair trade coffee sales *(Kiva)*
- Penny Wars *(UNICEF)*
What makes Pitt Public Health special?

• Plunge into Public Health
• Pitt’s Day of Caring
• Dean’s Day Student Research Competition
• Certified in Public Health (CPH) Exam

One Book, One Community
This year: Betsy Myers’ Take the Lead
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 yes, even baseball (GO BUCS!!)
- Year-round outdoor activities: hiking, cycling, kayaking, rowing, skiing
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
Financial Aid

Types of Aid

- Scholarships, research assistantships, fellowships, traineeships
- Hourly work at Pitt Public Health, campus-wide
- Travel awards to attend conferences
- Loans
- Support for international study
- University employee tuition benefits
Financial Aid

• Department is primary source of aid
• Doctoral students given priority consideration
• Read the *Weekly Update* for announcements
## 2014-2015 Tuition Rates

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Career Services

What is your high dream/your low dream? We know that this may still be a work in progress for some...

No matter where you want to go (or where you may need to stop along the way) our Mission is YOUR Success!

We are committed to providing programs and services to help lead public health students to their career destinations and/or advanced training opportunities.
Career Services
How we help you succeed:

1. Skill building
2. Employer development
3. Networking opportunities
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1. Skill Building

• Career development workshops and events, such as resume writing, interview skills, networking, and job search tips

• Individual career counseling

• Career Services website

• Facebook
Career Services

2. Employer Development

- Pitt Bridges
- Government agencies
- For profit & non-profit entities engaged in public health
- Partnerships with other Pitt schools
- Student and summer employment
- Twitter
- Professional associations (APHA, ASPPH)
Career Services

3. Networking Opportunities
   • Career fairs & other events
   • Partnerships with other University centers
   • LinkedIn
   • Alumni Mentors
Career Services

WE ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR STUDENTS REACH THEIR CAREER DESTINATION.

Pitt Public Health Career Services is dedicated to providing effective programs, individualized career counseling services, and networking opportunities to help our students effectively develop and manage a career in public health.

Whether the destination is a job, fellowship, or advanced education:
- Workshops
- Comprehensive online Job Search Toolkit
- A job-matching site, Pitt Bridges, exclusive to Pitt Public Health students
- Tips and articles posted to Facebook weekly and jobs regularly posted to LinkedIn
- A directory of potential employers
- One-on-one career counseling, including:
  - Locating relevant career opportunities
  - Perfecting your job search
  - Decision making
  - Help with leveraging your personal brand

Workshops
Each term, we offer a full schedule of workshops on topics such as:
- Resume and cover letter basics
- CV preparation for masters and doctoral students
- Networking
- Federal careers and the application process

Job Search Toolkit
DEVELOP YOUR OWN SWISS ARMY KNIFE FOR JOB HUNTING WITH SOME GREAT PREPARATION GUIDES!
- Writing Cover Letters
- Resumes and Curriculum Vitae
- Interview Preparation
- Career Fair Tips
- Follow-Up Letters
- The Job Offer
- Salary Negotiation

Connect with Career Services
Career Services

Pitt Public Health graduates enter a vast array of professional disciplines every year. Here is a sampling of places where our graduates make a difference.

- Academia
- Health care administration
- Epidemiology
- Medicine & nursing
- Health education/promotion
- Human genetics
- Biostatistics
- Environmental health
- Occupational safety

- Policy development
- Social work
- Laboratory sciences
- Dental medicine
- Mental health
- Nutrition
- Toxicology
- Information systems
- Veterinary health
Career Services

And they are making that difference in positions all around the globe!
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Still have questions? Come see us at the Marketplace!

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Thank you!
How to Apply

All applicants to Pitt Public Health must apply online through SOPHAS (Schools of Public Health Application Service). Over 75 CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health currently participate in SOPHAS.

www.sophas.org
SOPHAS Application Instructions

- Apply online through SOPHAS, [www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org)
- Pay application fee directly to SOPHAS
- Submit personal statement through SOPHAS
- Submit letters of recommendation directly to SOPHAS
- Submit official transcripts for ALL education in the United States directly to SOPHAS
- Submit a course-by-course WES evaluation for ALL education outside of the United States directly to SOPHAS
- Submit official GRE scores to Pitt Public Health code **4234**
- Submit official TOEFL scores (if applicable) to SOPHAS code **5688**
Important Dates

January 15: Fall 2015 Application Deadline

June 1: Loan applications and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are due.
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Next – Information Marketplace

• Departments are on the ground floor.
• Certificates, research and practice centers, and student organizations are on the first floor.
12:30 – Lunch with Departments

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2:00 – Student Panel Discussion

Thanks for attending!