



DREXEL UNIVERSITY
Dornsife
School of Public Health

UNDERGRADUATE VIEWBOOK

URBAN FOCUS. GLOBAL IMPACT.



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University – Philadelphia’s #1 school of public health – prepares students to become public health professionals, researchers, and advocates ready to take on today’s public health challenges at a local, national, and global level.

Our School is a center of excellence in urban health, and we stand at the forefront of addressing many of today’s public health challenges through science, partnerships, and policy.





WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

Public health is a broad discipline that includes science, community engagement, and policy aimed at protecting and improving the health and well-being of communities.

Public health professionals are concerned with the health of entire populations. They work to prevent and solve public health challenges through education, research, policy development, advocacy, and service.

The field of public health is continuously evolving in response to the needs of communities and populations around the world.

WHAT MAKES DORNSIFE'S PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS UNIQUE?

Drexel Dornsife prepares students to become innovative public health leaders by blending classroom learning with real-world experiences in the core public health disciplines: **Community Health and Prevention, Health Management and Policy, Environmental and Occupational Health, Biostatistics, and Epidemiology.**

Benefits of the Public Health Bachelor's programs include:

› **Individual attention**

Experience direct attention from staff and faculty and the connectedness of a close undergraduate cohort.

› **Community**

Drexel is located and deeply engaged in the city of Philadelphia, where students can build lifelong relationships with highly motivated, diverse peers.

› **Highly developed coursework**

A curriculum grounded in health as a human right and a commitment to health equity.

› **Cooperative education**

Drexel's Co-op program allows public health students to gain up to six months of real-world experience in their discipline.

› **Award-winning faculty**

Dornsife faculty conduct urban health research in communities across the United States and the world.

› **Renowned program**

U.S. News & World Report ranks Dornsife the #1 graduate school of public health in Philadelphia and in the top 15 percent nationwide. Dornsife is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

› **State-of-the-art resources**

Students have access to Drexel University's resources for enhanced student success.

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

Public Health Bachelor's programs consist of four years of structured coursework, including required core courses and electives at Dornsife and in other academic units across Drexel University.

The **DREXEL CO-OP** is a key component of the curriculum and provides students with professional employment experiences. Students gain up to six months of valuable, resume-enhancing experience and graduate prepared to make real-world contributions to population health or pursue a professional or other graduate degree.

The **SENIOR CAPSTONE** is a progressive research project that provides an individualized public health learning experience. Public health majors develop their skills as experts and benefit from the close mentorship of faculty advisors, preparing them for successful experiences in the work force or graduate school.

"I really wanted to be able to see a tangible impact on people and feel good about what I was doing. I'm really excited every day to go into my co-op [at the Austim Institute]. Having science and public health work together, I think, can work to solve really big problems."

ANNA BOSTWICK

accelerated public health BS/MPH '21



PROGRAMS

The **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Public Health** provides students with a comprehensive education in the fundamentals of public health.

The **Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Global Public Health** includes classes in global public health, global studies and modern languages.

The **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Data Analytics** teaches students to apply analytical and biostatistical skills to address public health issues.

Through the **accelerated degree program (4 + 1)** academically qualified students can earn both a bachelor's degree in public health and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in five years, graduating sooner than in traditional programs.

Minors in public health provide undergraduate students at Drexel with additional foundational knowledge, an enhanced skill set, broader exposure to complex public health issues, and possible new career paths: Public Health, Global Public Health, Epidemiology, Environmental Public Health, and Health & Justice.



STUDENT LIFE

Dornsife students become part of a close-knit and diverse community of Drexel Dragons. The student experience extends beyond classrooms and labs to include clubs, recreation, school-wide events, and many other ways to get involved.

Our diverse student body comes from many parts of the United States and from different countries all over the world. Students bring their experiences, curiosity, ambition, and life stories to Drexel Dornsife where they can create a unique identity and grow as individuals.

Drexel's hometown of Philadelphia offers many opportunities to explore with friends. It is a walkable, bikeable city full of unique neighborhoods and communities.



Students receive support from the Undergraduate Education team to help achieve their professional, academic, and personal goals, including:

- Career planning**
- Academic support**
- Student wellness**
- Student diversity and inclusion**
- Navigating Drexel and Philly**

TUITION

Investing in education is important, and Drexel provides extensive resources to help with the financial aid process and ensure student success.

In the 2021–2022 academic year, **Drexel offered financial support to 99.7% of its incoming first-year students, as well as to 96% of its transfer students** entering in fall 2021 who were seeking to complete their first bachelor's degree. The average scholarship and grant aid offered to the first-year students was \$34,203, and the average offered to the fall transfer students was \$28,362. These amounts include federal, state, and institutional aid.

To learn more about tuition visit drexel.edu/drexelcentral.

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“Dr. Sweet’s class is where I learned that public health would be the best career to really have an impact on people’s health.”

DREW HAIGH BS '19



YOUR FUTURE

Drexel Dornsife offers a world-class education that provides students with the skill set to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation.

What can you do with a public health degree? Some settings in which public health professionals work include government agencies, hospital administration, pharmaceutical corporations, clinical research labs, and nonprofit organizations.

A degree in public health can lead you to a fulfilling career, especially at this moment when the work of public health educators is so relevant and important in the U.S.

APPLY NOW

In general, undergraduate degree applicants are asked to submit an application, official transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a personal essay. Standardized test scores are optional for most applicants.

APPLY: drexel.edu/undergrad/apply/overview/

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- J. MANN, MD, MPH



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