Master of Public Health – Public Health Administration & Policy

**Job Outlook**

- Job opportunities will be good, especially for applicants with work experience in healthcare and strong business and management skills.
- A master’s degree is the standard credential, although a bachelor’s degree is adequate for some entry-level positions.
- Medical and health services managers typically work long hours and may be called at all hours to deal with problems.
- Employment is projected to grow faster than the average. Job opportunities should be good, especially for applicants with work experience in healthcare and strong business management skills.
- Employment change: Employment of medical and health services managers is expected to grow 16 percent from 2008 to 2018, faster than the average for all occupations. The healthcare industry will continue to expand and diversify, requiring managers to help ensure smooth business operations.
- Managers in all settings will be needed to improve quality and efficiency of healthcare, while controlling costs, as insurance companies and Medicare demand higher levels of accountability. Managers also will be needed to oversee the computerization of patient records and to ensure their security as required by law. Additional demand for managers will stem from the need to recruit workers and increase employee retention, to comply with changing regulations, to implement new technology, and to help improve the health of their communities by emphasizing preventive care.
- Hospitals will continue to employ the most medical and health services managers over the 2008–18 decade. However, the number of new jobs created is expected to increase at a slower rate in hospitals than in many other industries because of the growing use of clinics and other outpatient care sites. Despite relatively slow employment growth in hospitals, a large number of new jobs will be created because of the industry’s large size.
- Employment will grow fast in offices of health practitioners. Many services previously provided in hospitals will continue to shift to these settings, especially as medical technologies improve. Demand in medical group practice management will grow as medical group practices become larger and more complex.
- Medical and health services managers also will be employed by healthcare management companies that provide management services to hospitals and other organizations and to specific departments such as emergency, information management systems, managed care contract negotiations, and physician recruiting.

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**Data Sources:** Occupational Outlook Handbook (US Dept. of Labor), SPH Career Survey, SPH Jobs Database
Job prospects: Job opportunities will be good, especially for applicants with work experience in healthcare and strong business management skills. Medical and health services managers with experience in large hospital facilities will enjoy an advantage in the job market, as hospitals become larger and more complex. Competition for jobs at the highest management levels will be keen because of the high pay and prestige.

The above charts pertain to recent graduates between 2008 – 2011 (Career Survey Data)

**Positions by Organization Type**

- Association: 1%
- Community-based Organization: 4%
- Consulting – Independent: 1%
- Consulting Firm: 1%
- Federal Agency: 4%
- Foundation: 1%
- Hospital/Clinic: 11%
- Industrial: 0%
- Insurance: 11%
- Local Agency: 4%
- Military: 0%
- Pharmaceutical/Biotech/Medical Device: 1%
- State Agency: 9%
- University/College: 17%
- Other: 31%

**JOB TITLES**

- Administrator of Student Compliance
- Clinic Program Administrator
- Health Communications/Editor
- Health Policy Analyst
- Health Policy Manager
- Medical Affairs Consultant
- Project Coordinator
- Public Service Administrator
- State Health Planner Principal
- Administrator
- Development Director
- Health Information Technology Coordinator
- Health Policy Educator
- Health Policy Researcher
- Office Administrator
- Public Health Administrator
- Sr. Health Program Manager
- Sr. Public Health & Science Policy Advisor
- Business Analyst
- Health Advocate
- Health Coach
- Health Policy Fellow
- Health Services Administrator
- Project Administrator
- Project Specialist
- Safety Administrator
- Wellness Program Analyst

**EMPLOYERS**

- Administration for Children & Families
- American Advisory Committee
- Assoc. of Refugee Health Coordinators
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield Assoc.
- Chaplin Hall Center for Children
- Congressional Budget Office
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Global Health Fellows
- Health Services & Resources Admin
- Local Public Health Assoc. of MN
- Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
- American Society of Public Health (ASPH)
- Assoc. of Univ. Programs in Health Admin
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Dept. of Health & Human Services
- Fastenal Company
- Health Fitness Corporation
- Library of Congress
- Lehman Brothers’ WA Equity Research
- Advisory Board Company
- Annex Teen Clinic
- Brooklyn College
- City of Chicago
- City of Racine, WI
- Clay County, MN
- Food & Drug Administration
- Hennepin County, MN
- Indian Health Service
- Knox County, IL

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FIELD EXPERIENCE SITES

Minnesota
African Health Action Corporation
Allina Hospitals & Clinics
American Cancer Society
American Heart Association
American Indian Policy Center
American Red Cross
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Assumption Campus
Boynton Health Services
Cedar Riverside People’s Center Medical Clinic
Center for Health Equity
Center of the American Experiment
Centers for Public Health Education and Outreach
Children’s Defense Fund of Minnesota
Children’s Hospitals and Clinics
CIGNA
Community Health Board
Community University Health Care Center
Douglas County Department of Public Health
Echo (Emergency and Community Health Outreach) Minnesota
Eftin
Empira
Engineers without Borders
Family and Children’s Services
Fairview Centro de Salud
Fairview Health Systems
Folwell Center for Urban Initiatives
Guild Incorporated
Fredrikson & Byron
Halleland Habicht, PA
Hennepin County
Hennepin County Medical Center
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Institute on Community Integration
Mankato Clinic
Mayo Clinic
Medica
Medtronic Inc.
Melpomene Institute
Mercer
Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
Minneapolis Farmers Market

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Minnesota Board on Aging
Minnesota Center for Health Care Ethics
Minnesota Council of Health Plans
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Security
Minnesota Department of Health
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Minnesota International Health Volunteers
Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Minnesota Pharmacists Association
Minnesota Public Health Association
MN APP
National Alliance on Mental Illness
No Time For Poverty
Office of the Governor
Olmsted County Public Health Department
Phillips Eye Institute Foundation
Powderhorn Phillips Cultural Wellness Center
Q Health Connections
Regions Hospital
St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health Department
Stanton Group
StayWell Health Management
The Emily Program
University of Minnesota Physicians
VA Medical Center
Veterans Affairs
Volunteers of America
Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment
West Side Community Health Services
William Mitchell College of Law – Public Health Law Center

Nation-wide
American Bar Association
Center for Urban Community Services
Department of Health and Human Service - Indian Health Service
ELI Abroad
Johns Hopkins University
Medstar Health
Michigan Tech University
National Business Group on Health
National Coalition of Health Care
National Health Law Program
New York State Health Foundation
Office of Minority Health
Oregon Department of Human Services
Outagamie County Public Health Division
Pennsylvania State University
University of California
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Voices for America’s Children

International
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Botswana
Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative
Infertility Treatment Authority
Interreligious Council of Uganda

Data Sources: Occupational Outlook Handbook (US Dept. of Labor), SPH Career Survey, SPH Jobs Database
Minnesota International Health Volunteers – Uganda
Uganda Village Project
University of Ghana
University of Nagasaki - Nagasaki Association for Hibakusha’s Medical Care
University of St. Andrews
World Health Organization

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

General

- American Public Health Association (APHA) – http://www.apha.org
- Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) – http://www.mpha.net
- Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) – http://www.asph.org
- American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) – http://www.astmh.org
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) – http://www.astho.org
- Carter Center - http://www.cartercenter.org/index.html
- National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) - http://www.nalboh.org/
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) - http://new.paho.org/
- Public Health Foundation (PHF) – http://www.phf.org
- Public Health Laboratory Service (United Kingdom) - http://www.phls.co.uk/
- World Health Organization (WHO) - http://www.who.int/en/

Public Health Administration and Policy

- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) - http://www.naccho.org/