

Post-Graduation Possibilities

Bachelor of Health Science in Public Health



Deciding what to do after graduation can be a difficult decision. Graduate school, work force, or alternative options are all there – but which to choose? This handout provides a brief overview of different options for a recent graduate of the Public Health program. The information in this handout is not comprehensive, however, it provides a variety of options our office has encountered through working with students, speaking to professionals, and researching online.

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Position Titles


Case Manager

Sample Job titles: Child Welfare Services Director, Community Services Specialist, Social Services Manager, Transitional Care Manager, Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator

Possible Duties:

- Provide direct support to individuals or clients, such as handling a referral for child advocacy issues, conducting a needs evaluation, or resolving complaints.
- Research and analyze member/community needs to determine program goals.
- Plan, direct, or coordinate the activities of a social service program or community outreach organization.
- Work may involve directly coordinating with social workers, counselors, or probation officers.

Possible Employers:

- Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, Inc.
 - Case Manager – Youth
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri 
 - Mentoring Case Manager

Salary: \$48k - \$77k

Community Health Worker

Sample Job titles: Community Support Specialist, Community Liaison, Community Outreach Specialist, Family Support Worker, Community Resource Specialist

Possible Duties:

- Act as liaison or advocate and implement programs that promote, maintain, and improve individual and overall community health.
- Maintain updated client records with plans, notes, appropriate forms, or related information.
- Refer community members to needed health services.
- May deliver health-related preventive services such as blood pressure, glaucoma, hearing screenings, and administering immunizations.

Possible Employers:

- Telligen
 - Community Resource Specialist
- Truman Medical Center
 - Cultural Community Health Worker

Salary: \$33k – \$49k



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Environmental Health Specialist

Sample Job titles: Environmental Analyst, Environmental Health and Safety Specialist (EHS Specialist), Environmental Programs Specialist, Environmental Scientist

Possible Duties:

- Collect, analyze, and report environmental data, such as pollution emission, meteorological or mineralogical information, or soil and water samples.
- Monitor environmental impacts of development activities.
- Analyze data to determine validity, quality, and scientific significance and to interpret correlations between human activities and environmental effects.
- Provide scientific or technical guidance, support, coordination, or oversight to governmental agencies, environmental programs, industry, or the public.

Possible Employers:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- City of Springfield, MO
 - Environmental Public Health Technician

Salary: \$43k - \$78k

Emergency/Disaster Management

Sample Job titles: Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness Manager, Emergency Services Program Coordinator, Public Safety Director

Possible Duties:

- Consult with officials of governments, schools, hospitals, and other institutions to determine needs and capabilities in the event of a natural disaster or emergency.
- Maintain liaisons with municipalities and county departments to facilitate plan development, response efforts, and exchanges of personnel and equipment.
- Coordinate disaster response or crisis management activities, such as ordering evacuations, opening public shelters, and implementing special needs programs.
- Maintain resource materials associated with emergency preparedness plans.

Possible Employers:

- Missouri Department of Public Safety
 - Senior Program Specialist – Radiological Emergency Preparedness
- Federal Government (e.g., U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, Dept. of Energy)
 - Emergency Management Specialist

Salary: \$50k - \$84k



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Health Education Specialist

Sample Job titles: Community Health Consultant, Public/Community Health Educator

Possible Duties:

- Provide and manage health education programs that help individuals, families, and their communities maximize and maintain healthy lifestyles.
- Maintain databases, mailing lists, telephone networks, and other information to facilitate the functioning of health education programs.
- Develop and/or conduct health needs assessments and other public health surveys.
- Develop operational plans and policies necessary to achieve health education objectives and services.

Possible Employers:

- Northwestern University
 - Health Promotion Specialist
- Preferred Family Healthcare
 - Prevention Specialist

Salary: \$50k – \$62k

Health Policy Analyst

Sample Job titles: Public Health Analyst, Health Policy Analyst Associate, Public Health Program Analyst, Human Services Policy Specialist, Healthcare Strategy and Policy

Possible Duties:

- Planning, managing, and evaluating large public health program(s), projects, and/or study activities
- Develop projects to identify, review, and analyze complex and highly visible actions such as public health legislation, executive directives
- Compile and organize information in text and graphic form for state/federal reports, grant submissions, presentations, seminars, conferences, or publication
- Serve as a point of contact for information about public health program evaluation activities

Possible Employers:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Public Health Analyst (Policy & Issues Management)
- Avalere Health
 - Health Policy Associate

Salary: \$55k - \$88k



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Infectious Disease Specialist

Sample Job titles: Infection Prevention Specialist, Infection Preventionist, Infection Control Specialist, Infection Control Preventionist

Possible Duties:

- Provides surveillance programs, data analysis, reporting, and intervention development to reduce healthcare acquired infections in patient and employees
- Ensures compliance in all aspects of infection surveillance, prevention and control and serves as an infection control resource
- Identify and locate clients who test positive for COVID-19, HIV, STIs, or other infectious diseases
- Provide information, counseling, personalized risk assessment and reduction planning, and obtain personal information about disease transmission risks

Possible Employers:

- Arkansas Department of Health
 - Disease Intervention Specialist
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
 - Infection Preventionist



Salary: \$63k - \$95k

Occupational Health and Safety Specialist

Sample Job titles: Industrial Hygienist/Hygiene Officer, Safety Management Consultant

Possible Duties:

- Review, evaluate, and analyze work environments and procedures to control and prevent disease or injury caused by chemical, physical, and biological factors.
- Recommend measures to help protect workers from potentially hazardous work methods, processes, or materials.
- Investigate accidents to identify causes or to determine how such accidents might be prevented in the future.
- Develop or maintain hygiene programs, such as noise surveys, continuous atmosphere monitoring, ventilation surveys, or asbestos management plans.

Possible Employers:

- Kansas Department of Health & Environment
 - Health Facility Surveyor
- Weaver Consultants Group
 - Entry Level Field Health & Safety Specialist

Salary: \$50k - \$81k



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Outreach & Prevention Coordinator

Sample Job titles: Prevention Coordinator, Prevention Education & Outreach Coordinator, Community Outreach Coordinator, Health Communications Coordinator

Possible Duties:

- Implement, facilitate, develop and evaluate all programs, activities, services and special events in specified program area (e.g., teen and gang prevention)
- Conducts prompt and thorough investigations of all outbreaks and organizes outbreak management
- Coordinate with state-level prevention staff and local community partners on the development of prevention strategies
- Develop and implement outreach strategies to engage target audiences, including community organizations, stakeholders, and diverse communities.

Possible Employers:

- Utah Department of Health
 - Assistant Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Manager
- City of St. Louis
 - Violence Intervention Coordinator

Salary: \$50k - \$75k


Patient Navigator/Advocate

Sample Job titles: Client Advocate, Care Advocate, Clinical Care Specialist

Possible Duties:

- Guide patients through network of individually selected and vetted specialists, taking care of them every step of the journey.
- Steer members within network to reduce complication rates, lower plan costs, increase the affordability of care, and improve health equity.
- Demonstrate general knowledge of agency carriers and underwriting to coordinate with insurance companies to address patient issues.
- Assist patients with connecting to other resources (i.e., complete Medicaid applications, slide enrollments, payment agreements, etc.).

Possible Employers:

- Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center
 - Wellness (Patient) Navigator
- Jordan Valley Community Health Center 
 - Patient Advocate

Salary: \$31k – \$44k



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Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Worker

Sample Job titles: Public Health Laboratory Scientist, PHL Technician, PHL Assistant, Public Health Scientist

Possible Duties:

- Performs a variety of chemical, serological, viral, or bacteriological analyses of clinical or environmental specimens according to established lab procedures
- Participates in sample accessing and recordkeeping to ensure that all specimens are accounted for, appropriately handled, and properly and completely tested
- Consults with public health personnel and health care professionals regarding the interpretation of results and the applicability of tests to particular circumstances
- Conduct routine biosafety risk assessments and develop risk mitigating strategies to safely handle bacterial or fungal threats

Possible Employers:

- Association of Public Health Laboratories
 - Public Health Laboratory Fellowship/Internship: an AHPL-CDC Initiative
- Missouri State Public Health Laboratory
 - Laboratory Support Technician

Salary: \$60k - \$90k

Program Manager

Sample Job titles: Various "Health Program Manager" (e.g., Behavioral Health, Maternal Health, Cancer Prevention), Public Health Program Associate/Specialist

Possible Duties:

- Responsible for planning, promoting, implementing, or evaluating a public health program, service, or grant
- Implementing environmentally influenced public health laws and regulations
- Provide assistance to partners, contractors, and agencies involved in program implementation
- Perform day-to-day program activities including meeting with clients, evaluating health information, and participating in public health events

Possible Employers:

- Saint Louis University
 - Research/Program Coordinator
- Missouri Department of Social Services, Department of Health & Senior Services
 - Program Specialist

Salary: \$42k - \$57k



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Research Assistant/Coordinator

Sample Job titles: Public Health Research Assistant/Associate/Coordinator

Possible Duties:

- Managing and analyzing large quantities of community health (quantitative and qualitative) and patient data
- Interpreting and effectively communicating data analysis findings to audiences with a wide range of public health knowledge
- Support the work of healthcare providers, health departments, and health collaboratives across the country in their community health improvement efforts
- Maintaining and curating a database of community health interventions with proven public health impact

Possible Employers:

- Washington University in St. Louis
 - Public Health Research Coordinator II
- Kansas Department of Health & Environment
 - Community Health Workers Research Analyst

Salary: \$50k - \$77k

Regulatory & Compliance Specialist

Sample Job titles: Compliance Manager, Environmental Safety Director, Risk Manager, Regulatory Affairs Analyst, Regulatory Affairs Consultant

Possible Duties:

- Plan, direct, or coordinate activities of an organization to ensure compliance with ethical or regulatory standards.
- Coordinate and document internal regulatory processes, such as internal audits, inspections, license renewals, or registrations.
- Compile and prepare materials for submission to regulatory agencies.
- Report violations of compliance or regulatory standards to duly authorized enforcement agencies as appropriate or required.

Possible Employers:

- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
 - Compliance Officer
- Preferred Family Healthcare
 - Compliance Support Specialist

Salary: \$55k - \$80k



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USDA/U.S. FDA Inspector

Sample Job titles: Consumer Safety Inspector, Food Safety Inspector, Import Inspector, FDA Regulatory Consultant, Consumer Safety Officer

Possible Duties:

- Ensure that regulated establishments produce a safe product through appropriate inspection methods, determining noncompliance with regulations
- Conduct regulatory oversight activities inside plants in matters relating to other consumer protections (e.g., economic adulteration and misbranding)
- Conduct various samplings, surveys and tests to obtain pertinent data on potential problem areas, industry trends, or other issues of current interest
- Perform health and safety verification sampling and tests for detection of specific microbes (e.g., salmonella, listeria, etc.), residues or contaminants

Possible Employers:

- US Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA)
 - Investigator II
- USDA
 - Consumer Safety Inspector (CSI)

Salary: \$40k - \$55k

Wellness Coordinator

Possible Job Titles: Clinical and Wellness Programs Manager, Wellness and Coaching Manager, Wellness Programs Director, Activities Coordinator

Possible Duties:

- Organize and oversee fitness or wellness programs, such as information presentations, blood drives, or training in first aid or CPR.
- Conduct needs assessments or surveys to determine interest in, or satisfaction with, wellness and fitness programs, events, or services.
- Provide individual support or counseling in general wellness or nutrition.
- Supervise fitness or wellness specialists, such as fitness instructors, nutritionists, or health educators.

Possible Employers:

- Compass Health Network 
 - Integrated Wellness Coordinator/Wellness Services Coordinator
- State of Missouri (Dept. of Health & Senior Services and Dept. of Mental Health)
 - Wellness Liaison

Salary: \$31k - \$50k



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Youth Care Worker

Sample Job titles: Youth Care Specialist, Youth Services Worker

Possible Duties:

- Work with staff to create a safe, therapeutic, and educational environment for youth in treatment and residential programs
- Facilitate treatment programming to youth (e.g., youth advocate, group facilitation, creation and delivery of treatment activities, etc.)
- Provide case management and supervision to youth, with responsibility for their personal conduct, care, and therapy
- Utilize behavior management tools and document youth behavior and share information with appropriate staff regarding youth's program participation

Possible Employers:

- Missouri Department of Social Services 
 - Youth Services Worker
- KVC Health Systems 
 - Youth Care Specialist

Salary: \$35k - \$45k

Companies & Organizations to Consider

Association of Public Health Laboratories

Background: The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) works to strengthen laboratory systems serving the public's health in the United States and globally. APHL represents state and local governmental health laboratories in the U.S., including public health, agricultural, environmental, and other related laboratories. Its members, known collectively as "public health laboratories," monitor, detect and respond to health threats.

Possible Positions

- Public Health Laboratory Fellowship
 - **Summary:** Fellowships support a wide spectrum of public health laboratory program areas, such as: bioinformatics, biosafety, environmental health, infectious disease, food safety, newborn screening, and quality management. Each fellow will be trained in alignment with established PHL core competencies and functions and will work on unique program-specific projects and initiatives in host laboratories.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's or higher-level degrees in public health



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- Research Specialist/Technologist (e.g., Infectious Disease, Immunology, etc.)
 - **Summary:** Conducts experimental research lab work and/or assists in design of one or more specific phase(s) of entire project(s). May complete mathematical calculations, and/or computer tasks and/or assist in judging validity of data. Follows appropriate protocols, policies, procedures, regulations, Good Clinical and Good Laboratory Practices. This role supports research involving microbial next-generation sequencing.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree or higher-level degree in a scientific major or related field; Demonstrated laboratory experience and ability to follow research protocols.
- Environmental Health and Safety Training Specialist
 - **Summary:** This position will be responsible for designing, developing, and conducting safety training communication programs for employees and students across various departments within the organization. Additionally, the candidate will be expected to effectively communicate safety protocols, procedures, and regulations to ensure compliance and promote a culture of safety awareness.
 - **Requirements:** Degree or certification in Public Health; Experience in organizational leadership and development

Center for Disease Control

Background: As a global leader in public health & health promotion, CDC is the agency Americans trust with their lives. In addition to everyday work, CDC employees have a role in supporting public health emergency management through temporary assignments to emergency responses, or sustaining other CDC programs while colleagues respond.

Possible Positions

- Public Health Advisor
 - **Summary:** As a Public Health Advisor, you will work with selected public health projects or portions of a larger public health project, advise public health personnel in development of basic activities to administer an established program, and Provide consultation and assistance on grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and other awards to assist in meeting objectives.
 - **Requirements:** Undergraduate or Graduate Education*, major study in public health (*level of education dictates entry-position ranking [e.g., GS5-GS11])
- Health Scientist
 - **Summary:** As a health scientist, you will design, oversee, implement, and conduct scientific surveys/studies or projects to identify and solve health system related problems, identify and analyze public health issues and their impact on scientific



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- operations that are critical to the public health community, and consult with epidemiologists, statisticians, and other public health professionals.
- **Requirements:** Bachelor's or higher-level degree, major study in field related to health sciences or allied sciences. *Preferred* one year of experience in providing leadership and strategic direction on public health programs.
- Health Communications Specialist
 - **Summary:** As a health communications specialist, you will plan, apply, and evaluate various communication science and marketing techniques to promote positive health outcomes and guide the development and dissemination of scientific information and audience-based products, tools, and messages (i.e., via written, electronic, and audiovisual formats).
 - **Requirements:** Education requirements unspecified. *Preferred* experience in researching and developing content using different formats (e.g., Web site content, online publication, and mobile devices) and managing/organizing web content and drafting content for written assignments.

Health Literacy Media

Background: HLM does full health literacy reviews of existing materials, campaigns, programs, and strategies using the most current and evidence-based health literacy best-practices and plain language principles and develop new materials with those same best-practices and principles as a guide.

Possible Positions

- Public Health and Social Work Internship
 - **Summary:** Public health and social work interns can expect to be involved in a variety of program tasks, like creating content for trainings or community-based activities, conducting literature reviews, and assisting with data entry and analysis.
 - **Requirements:** Current graduate or undergraduate student in related field
- Communications Specialist Internship
 - **Summary:** Communication interns can expect to be involved in a variety of communication tasks, such as growing HLM's online presence, developing digital content, tracking and analyzing digital media.
 - **Requirements:** Current graduate or undergraduate student, preferred experience in writing for diverse audiences, blog writing, and/or content creation



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Heartland Alliance

Background: Heartland Alliance works to advance human rights and champion human dignity by providing services and promoting solutions to achieve a more just global society. Mission to address the root causes of poverty, generate social change, and inspire people to build better lives not only for themselves but for their communities.

Possible Positions

- Care Coordinator
 - **Summary:** This position provides coordinated care to special populations and assists the Care Teams by coordinating care to patients on the provider's daily schedule. The position will be involved with the oversight and coordination relating to integrated care, development of individualized care planning, care coordination, case review with Providers, and interacting with Case Managers.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in public health or health education; One-year related experience in public health, case management, or prevention
- Youth Care Worker
 - **Summary:** In this role, you'll provide direct care, supervision, and support to ensure the safety and well-being of the youth in our SAFETY program. Assists youth in modifying attitudes and behaviors, fostering self-understanding. Provides guidance, support, and positive role modeling.
 - **Requirements:** 4-year degree; One-year experience working with youth in some capacity or educational training regarding youth care
- Family Reunification Specialist
 - **Summary:** Collects and assess family background information through interviews and document reviews. Refers family reunification cases to partner agencies, actively participating in researching and recommending options. Provides advocacy, assessment, and case management services to individuals and families.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in human services, social work, or related field; One-year of related experience (unspecified); *Preferred* fluency in a second language

KC Care Clinic

Background: KC CARE Health Center provides quality care, access, research and education to the underserved and all people in the Kansas City community. Quality, affordable, integrated health services to everyone with the promise of dignity and personalized care.



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Possible Positions

- Behavioral Health Project Coordinator
 - **Summary:** The Project Coordinator is responsible for day-to-day coordination of grant activities and serves as an integral part of the Behavioral Team. The position will be responsible for overall activities and data collection and ensuring timely follow-up with new and existing referrals that are related to federal grants.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in health sciences or related field
- Peer Educator
 - **Summary:** Deliver individual client educational components (e.g., HIV 101, Lab Values, Adherence) and support patients in navigating the health system and community resources. Work collaboratively with HIV Primary Care, Behavioral Health and Case Management teams to identify support and engage clients including Lost to Care clients who can benefit from Peer services.
 - **Requirements:** No education requirements specified; Preferred experience in leadership, healthcare, and health education.

Mercy Health System

Background: Mercy is one of Missouri's leading hospital systems, with more than 40 acute care and specialty hospitals employing 40,000 workers and 2,400 physicians. Specialty clinics include Women's Health, Burn Center, Stroke Center, Clinical Trials, and more. Named "Top 100 Places to Work" in Modern Healthcare Magazine.

Possible Positions:

- Credentialing Analyst
 - **Summary:** Responsible for sending initial and reappointment applications for all Mercy credentialed practitioners. Responsible for following up with all practitioners regarding missing applications and expiring licenses, board certifications, and insurance. Communicates with all Mercy Hospital, Clinics, Recruitment, Practice Managers, Managed Care, Medical Staff Professionals, and Provider Enrollment.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree; previous office or data entry experience
- Community Health Outreach Worker
 - **Summary:** The Community Health Outreach Worker is a front-line public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served. They serve as a liaison between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.



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- **Requirements:** Combination of 2+ years of education/experience; Certified Community Health Worker (CHW-C) may be required.
- Diabetes Educator
 - **Summary:** The Diabetes Educator plays a crucial role in providing comprehensive education and support to patients diagnosed with diabetes within the hospital and/or outpatient setting. This position involves collaborating with healthcare teams to develop and implement personalized diabetes management plans, empowering patients to achieve optimal health outcomes and improve their quality of life.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelors degree in applicable field; CHES will improve your application; Certified Diabetes Education Specialist (CDES) may be required.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Background: MO DHSS is responsible for managing and promoting all public health programs to improve life and wellness for Missourians. There are four divisions: Community & Public Health, Administration, Regulation & Licensure, and Senior & Disability Services. (*Search [STATE] department of health to find other states' options*)

Possible Positions

- Adult Protective Services Specialist
 - **Summary:** Advocate for and help Missouri's most vulnerable citizens. Investigate reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly (age 60+) and disabled (ages 18+), coordinate interventions and ongoing protective service needs.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Public Health
- Public Health Program Associate (e.g., FCSR Program)
 - **Summary:** The Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) provides a background screening service to employers and families hiring workers to care for children, seniors, or disabled persons. The FCSR is responsible for registering all childcare, elder care, and personal care workers in the state.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Public Health
- Laboratory Support Technician
 - **Summary:** Provides the opportunity to work collaboratively across all of the units within the Missouri State Public Health Lab. This collaboration will allow one to exercise skills in communication, organization and customer service while maintaining proficiency in handling specimens both for accessioning and determining acceptability.
 - **Requirements:** College education in Public Health; preferred 0-2 years of experience in a research laboratory setting.



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National Institutes of Health

Background: The NIH, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the nation's medical research agency, making important discoveries that improve health and save lives. The NIH is made up of 27 different Institutes and Centers. Each has its own specific research agenda, often focusing on particular diseases or body systems.

Possible Positions

- Scientific Information Analyst
 - **Summary:** Participate in the drafting, clearing and approval process of major documents that include Congressional reports, response letters from DHHS agencies and NIH, talking points and information, or other high-level documents.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in a health-related field
- Regulatory Affairs Specialist
 - **Summary:** As a Regulatory Affairs Specialist, you will collaborate with the Office of Clinical Research Support, Program Officers and extramural offices, as well as serve as an expert advisor to leadership in order to establish and maintain regulatory best practices and implement project procedures.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in a health-related field and 1+ years of qualifying experience (see job description for details)

Planned Parenthood

Background: Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading provider and advocate of high-quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health care for all people, as well as the nation's largest provider of sex education. With more than 600 health centers across the country, Planned Parenthood organizations serve all patients with care and compassion, with respect, and without judgment, striving to create equitable access to health care.

Possible Positions

- National Volunteer Program Organizing Manager
 - **Summary:** National Volunteer Program Organizing Managers manage the daily volunteer-facing operations of PPFA's National Volunteer Program (NVP). National Volunteer Program Organizing Managers run the program and engage volunteers to meet campaign goals related to policy priorities and calls-to action.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in any relevant field. Experience in organizing volunteer programs and/or training and experience working in advocacy and/or social justice.



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- Operations Specialist, Impact & Strategy
 - **Summary:** The Operations Specialist will work internally within the Organizing & Electoral Campaigns department as well as with other National Office departments and affiliate partners to provide broad operational and programmatic support to national campaigns and programs, vendor and partner management, and rapid response support. The Impact & Strategy Team is responsible for strategic goal setting and impact evaluation of data-driven advocacy campaigns to advance reproductive rights.
 - **Requirements:** Education unspecified; 2-4 years of experience in operations, event planning, and/or budget management.
- Communications Assistant
 - **Summary:** The media assistant is responsible for administrative support for media team activities, monitoring and analyzing media coverage of relevant news and issues and maintaining press lists. This position supports the booking, health communications, and affiliate communications teams. Assistant conducts research tasks on health, politics, and legal subjects to develop media materials.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree or at least two years of work experience (unspecified). *Preferred* 1-2 years of media management or customer service.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)

Background: SEMAs are in every single U.S. state and serves to protect communities and their citizens by coordinating activities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. SEMAs coordinate with local and federal governments and volunteer or faith-based organizations to manage large emergencies.

Possible Positions:

- Program Specialist (ex: Radiological Emergency Preparedness)
 - **Summary:** Manage the radiation detection instrument program for Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, ensuring all radiation detection instruments are tested, tracked, and distributed to risk counties. Test equipment used to detect radiation and conduct routine maintenance of all equipment and will serve on the team assisting with plan development, training and participating in required drills.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree



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Washington University (St. Louis)

Background: Washington University is a private research university, considered to be in the top 10 of its kind in the nation. WashU is frequently a top recipient of NIH funding, and their School of Medicine is one of the largest academic clinical practices in the U.S.

Possible Positions:

- Public Health Research Coordinator I
 - **Summary:** Assists investigators as coordinator of a public health research study; may be responsible for multiple studies simultaneously, acting as a liaison with the school, sponsoring agency, community, and study participants; may be responsible for managing and recording all phases of study protocol as required by sponsoring agency to ensure compliance.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree; prior one-year experience in clinical or public health research support is highly preferred
- Emergency Management Program, Manager
 - **Summary:** Provide leadership over emergency planning and preparedness initiatives that support campus life and large events on campus. It facilitates coordination of life safety programs including engagement of Residential Life, Campus Events, Athletics Department activities, University Admissions and Advancement, public safety outreach (training, presentations, student/staff orientations), and other initiatives that foster a safe and secure environment for the campus community.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in public health or related field; currently Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) or ability to achieve certification within one year of hire.
- Infectious Disease Research (*positions in Field Coordinator and Research Technician*)
 - **Field Coordinator Summary:** Recruits and enrolls study participants, making determinations of eligibility based on diagnostic criteria and/or observations in participant interviews; develop informed consent packets and confer with participants to obtain complete consent; administer/score tests/clinical assessments to ensure completion in a timely manner.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree; prior one-year work experience in relevant research work
 - **Research Technician Summary:** Assists with the technical aspects of studies and experiments, including documentation, preparation of materials, collection of data, preparation of solutions and set-up and maintenance of equipment.
 - **Requirements:** Bachelor's degree; 0-1 year of experience in a laboratory setting



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Other Options to Consider

Job Search Words

Varying the words you use to describe a job will help expand your job search. A similar position at three different companies can be labeled differently (i.e. Manager, Coordinator, and Director). Below are a few different job search terms to consider.

- Administrator
- Advocate
- Assistant
- Communications
- Community
- Compliance
- Coordinator
- Counselor
- Development
- Educator
- Emergency
- Entry-Level*
- Environmental
- Epidemiology
- Fitness
- Health Services
- Human Services
- Inspector
- Laboratory
- Manager
- Operations
- Outreach
- Prevention
- Processor
- Professional
- Project
- Policy
- Quality
- Regulatory
- Research
- Representative
- Safety
- Social Services
- Specialist
- Supervisor

**Entry-level is a great term to add in your job search when you are a new graduate*

See also: [Job Titles Related to Certified Health Education Specialists \(CHES\)](#)

Job Search Sites:

- [USAJobs](#): Search engine for careers in federal government entities (i.e., CDC, NIH, FEMA)
- [MO Gov Careers](#): Search engine for careers in Missouri state government (i.e., MO DHSS)
- American Public Health Association: [Public Health CareerMart](#)

Fellowships

- AmeriCorps
- Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) [Fellowships](#)
- Center for Disease Control (CDC) [Fellowships](#)
- Congressional Hunger Center [Fellowships](#)
- Fullbright U.S. Student Program ([study, research, or teach abroad](#))
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) [Postbac Intramural Research Program](#)
- Peace Corps
- [Teacher Corps](#) (Teach for America)
- White House [Fellows](#)
- View [Mizzou's Fellowships page](#) for more options



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Graduate School

Masters Programs	Graduate Certificates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masters in Public Health (MPH) ○ Dual Masters, MPH/Journalism ○ Dual Masters, MPH/Public Affairs ○ Dual Masters, MPH/Social Work ○ Dual Masters in MHA + MBA ○ Masters in Health Administration ○ Masters of Business Administration ○ Masters in Biostatistics ○ Masters in Epidemiology ○ Masters in Health Informatics ○ Masters in Public Affairs ○ Masters in Journalism, Emphasis in Health Communication ○ Masters in Rural Sociology ○ Masters in Pathology & Anatomical Sciences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology ○ Graduate Certificate in Global Public Affairs ○ Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Project Management ○ Graduate Certificate in Administration and Management of Family and Community Services ○ Graduate Certificate in Public Policy ○ Graduate Certificate in Society and Sustainability ○ Graduate Certificate in Informatics for Public Health ○ Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management ○ Graduate Certificate in Public Health Communication

Certifications to Accompany Undergraduate Degree

All certificates listed below are obtainable at Mizzou

Certificates

- **Addiction Studies Certificate**, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Biostatistics Certificate**, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)**, College of Health Sciences
- **Fitness Programming and Management Certificate**, College of Health Sciences
- **Multicultural Studies Certificate**, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Natural Environment and Human Health Certificate**, CAFNR and CHS
- **Public Health and Gender Certificate**, Public Health and Women & Gender Studies
- **Risk Management and Insurance Certificate**, Trulaske College of Business
- **Sales & Customer Development Certificate**, Trulaske College of Business
- **Sustainability Certificate**, CAFNR
- **Wellness Certificate**, CAFNR



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Other Certifications

Certificates below are not available through Mizzou

Most are available through State or Federal licensing boards

- **Certified Environmental Health Specialist (CEHS)**
- **Certified Community Health Worker (CHW-C)**
- **Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)**
- **Associate – Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPC)** **Entry-level certification*
- **Missouri Prevention Specialist (MPS)**
- **Harm Reduction Specialist (HRS)**
- **Project Management Certificate**
- **Six Sigma Certificates** *(quality control certification to reduce waste and decrease defects)*



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