

Career Opportunities

Training in veterinary public health will prepare students for exciting career opportunities.

State and federal government agencies

State Departments of Health, Agriculture and Wildlife
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of the Interior

Uniformed services

U.S. Public Health Service, Army and Air Force

International agencies

World Health Organization
World Organization for Animal Health
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Industry

Pharmaceutical, food and private research companies

Non-governmental organizations

Academia



The University of Florida

Located in beautiful Gainesville, Fla., the University of Florida is the state's oldest, largest and most comprehensive university and is among the nation's most academically diverse public universities. UF is a member of the Association of American Universities, the prestigious higher education organization comprising the top 62 public and private institutions in North America. With 50,000 students enrolling annually, UF is the fourth largest university in the nation and is home to 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes.

The College of Veterinary Medicine

The UF College of Veterinary Medicine, the state's only veterinary college, offers comprehensive service to the public through a fourfold mission of teaching, research, extension and patient care. Following graduation of its first class in 1980, the college has built on the university's reputation for excellence. Outstanding academic programs, coupled with exciting new facilities, distinguish today's environment at the UF veterinary college — an environment that continues to change and thrive in response to patient and student needs.

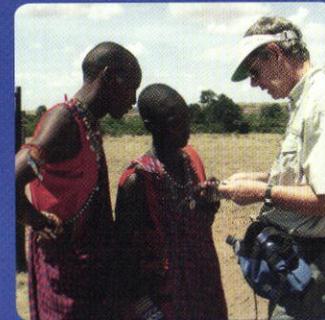
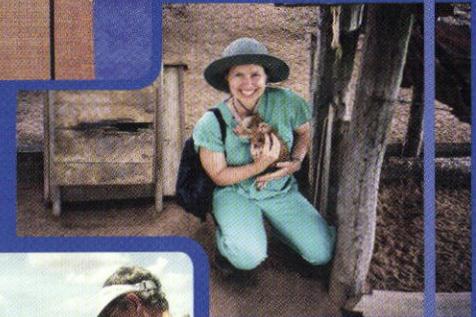
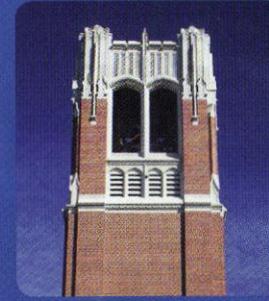
The College of Public Health and Health Professions

The UF College of Public Health and Health Professions is one of the largest and most diversified educational institutions for health professionals in the nation. Established in 1958, the college was a prototype for health professions education and the first college of its kind located within a health center. The college took another innovative step in 2003 when it expanded its offerings to include public health programs. The combination of the population emphasis inherent to public health with the college's long-term focus on the management of chronic health conditions creates a powerful model.



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Joint Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Master of Public Health Program



The Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Public Health and Health Professions

UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
The Foundation for The Gator Nation



What is Public Health?

Public health professionals are responsible for promoting and protecting human health. This is accomplished by identifying health problems and priorities within populations, generating public policies to solve these problems, and assuring that all individuals of the population have access to quality health care. Public health professionals stress the importance of preventing disease, or limiting its consequences. This is accomplished through interventions that focus on education, early detection of disease, and rehabilitation. The five core disciplines of public health are biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, health management and policy, and social and behavioral sciences.



What is Veterinary Public Health?

Veterinarians work in all disciplines of public health. With expertise in domestic animal and wildlife health, veterinarians are uniquely qualified to contribute to the promotion of human health as well. In the spirit of "one medicine," veterinarians work alongside other health professionals to better understand the dynamics between human, domestic animal, wildlife, and environmental health. Veterinarians are often involved in infectious disease investigation and control, food production and protection, health education, public health policy, and global health.

Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health is the standard professional public health degree. MPH students concentrate on one of the five core disciplines of public health.

Biostatistics: Application of statistical concepts and methods to biological and population-based research

Environmental health: Identification, examination and amelioration of exposures in the environment

Epidemiology: The frequency, distribution and determinants of disease, injury and disability

Health management and policy: The theories and methods required for management of public health organizations; development of health policies and analysis of their effects on costs and access to health care

Social and behavioral sciences: The effects of social and behavioral factors on population health; development, implementation, and evaluation of interventions to improve health

At UF a sixth concentration called **public health practice** has been created. This concentration allows students to combine coursework from two to four of the five core disciplines, thus adding flexibility and greater breadth to their plan of study.



Joint DVM/MPH Program

In the joint program, 12 credits of DVM courses are accepted by the MPH and 6 credits of MPH courses are accepted by the DVM. Thus, the entire joint program requires 180 credits. The two programs taken sequentially would require a total of 198 credits (150 DVM, 48 MPH). Students should be able to complete both the DVM and MPH programs in four years. It is recommended that students enrolled in the joint degree program pursue the public health practice concentration, which allows greatest flexibility in course selection. In addition to coursework, students are required to complete an internship to gain practical experience in their chosen discipline.

Core MPH coursework: 16 credits

Public health practice concentration coursework: 13-15 credits

Courses shared with DVM: 12 credits

Internship: 5-7 credits

How to Apply

Candidates for the program must meet the entrance requirements and procedures for admission to both the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and the Master of Public Health degree programs. Acceptance into the joint DVM/MPH program is dependent upon acceptance into the DVM program. Please note however, that the MPH joint application is due early in the spring semester, prior to student notification regarding acceptance into the DVM. The joint degree program is not open to students who have already earned either the DVM or the MPH degree. Students interested in the joint degree program can visit www.mph.ufl.edu/programs/collaborative/vet.htm for more information, contacts and application instructions.