URBAN FOCUS. GLOBAL IMPACT.
WE MUST PUT OUR INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL IN SERVICE OF A SOCIETY FACING GREAT CHALLENGES.

John A. Fry
President, Drexel University

Health and human rights, and dignity are inextricably connected. ... Societal factors are the major determinants of health.

- Jonathan Mann, MD, MPH, Founder, Dornsife School of Public Health

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The Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University is the first accredited school of public health in Philadelphia.
AT THE CENTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

“I WAS ABLE TO DO SUCH A BROAD RANGE OF THINGS AT DORNISFE — IT’S THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY LOCAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, RESEARCH, AND GLOBAL HEALTH.”

Velton Showall
MPH ’18, Epidemiology, Global Health

The Drexel Dornsife School of Public Health prepares ambitious public health professionals, advocates, and researchers to fight for the health and human rights of the world’s growing urban populations — and use the insights and innovations to benefit communities of all types across the nation and around the world. Our work is grounded in advocacy and rooted in our founding principle: health is a human right and social justice is a critical part of achieving health for all.

Drexel Dornsife’s experiential, multidisciplinary approach to public health places students at the center of real-world experiences, taking them beyond the classroom and the lab to learn how to protect and promote health every day. Our students gain the expertise needed to translate knowledge and evidence into action in ways that reduce health inequities, while improving overall population health.

Our extensive relationships and partnerships throughout Philadelphia, as well as our research and practice initiatives, constitute a dynamic, urban learning environment that prepares our students to meet the public health challenges faced by communities both large and small. The Drexel Dornsife faculty are leading scholars in public health who teach, mentor, and advise students to prepare them to make a positive difference in public health nationally and internationally.

At Drexel Dornsife, we combine the most rigorous research and training with a real commitment to fairness, equity, community, and action.

“OUR SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING HEALTH IN CITIES, TO PROMOTING HEALTH EQUITY, AND TO TRANSLATING WHAT WE KNOW INTO PRACTICE AND MEANINGFUL ACTION. WE VALUE THE MOST RIGOROUS SCIENCE, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO USE WHAT WE KNOW TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE AND PROMOTE HEALTH FOR EVERYONE.”

Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH
Dean and Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology
WHY URBAN HEALTH?

By 2050, more than 60 percent of the world’s population will live in cities. This shift in demographics means that cities not only present complex, large-scale health challenges, they offer one-of-a-kind opportunities to translate public health solutions to communities of all sizes.

The varied physical and social environments, diverse populations, range of policymakers and programs, and advanced health care systems found in cities offer public health students and researchers opportunities to learn while making valuable contributions to health in the region. Addressing the problems that develop in urban environments leads to new ways to improve health for city residents, while also applying innovative solutions to public health issues found in suburban and rural communities.

The first fully accredited school of public health in Philadelphia, Drexel Dornsife offers students an unparalleled opportunity to benefit from the School’s deep roots in the city and civic engagement. The School has more than 100 partnerships with community-based organizations, health care providers, and policymakers.

Gaining real-life experience is a central part of studying public health, but we ask our students to do more. This shift in demographics means that cities not only present complex, large-scale health challenges, they offer exclusive opportunities to develop public health solutions that can have an impact in communities of all types.

A NEW APPROACH TO THE MASTER’S IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Experience integration and interdisciplinarity from the first day of classes.

Design your degree - specialize through a broad range of majors and minors.

Develop expertise through extensive opportunities for practice and research.

Graduate in only five quarters. Get a head start in the job market.

THE FLEXIBILITY AND DIVERSITY OF THE DREXEL INTEGRATED EXPERIENCE HAS ALLOWED ME TO FIND MEANINGFUL WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF CITY PLANNING AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Allison Gibson
MPH ’18, Community Health and Prevention
Every prospective Drexel Dornsife student can explore opportunities to finance their degree programs through our financial aid department’s one-stop, online and in-person resources. A broad range of scholarships, fellowships, and grants are available, along with counseling. Scholarships or grants are given to more than 60 percent of master’s students. Nearly 95 percent of doctoral candidates receive teaching/research assistantships, combined with other scholarships and grants.

### Scholarships & Fellowships

- Dornsife Public Health Fellow
- Dornsife International Fellow
- The Arthur L. Frank Endowed Scholarship in Environmental and Occupational Health
- The Marla J. Gold Endowed Scholarship for MD/MPH Students
- Teaching and Research Assistantships for Doctoral Students
- Joseph Tringali Memorial Scholarship in Maternal and Child Health
- Urban Health Collaborative Master’s Fellowships
- Urban Health Collaborative Doctoral Fellowships

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### Undergraduate Degrees

- Bachelor of Science in Public Health
- Global Public Health Minor

### Master’s Degrees

- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Public Health, Executive Program (EMPH)
- Master of Science (MS) in Biostatistics
- Master of Science (MS) in Epidemiology
- Master of Science (MS) in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
- Master of Science (MS) in Population Health Sciences
- Master of Science (MS) in Public Health Ethics
- Master of Science (MS) in Health Services Research and Policy

### Doctoral Degrees

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biostatistics
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Health and Prevention
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Epidemiology
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Services Research and Policy
- Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Community Health and Prevention
- Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Health Management and Policy

### Online Certificates

- Certificate in Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Certificate in Global Health
- Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health
- Certificate in Maternal and Child Health

### Graduates Minors

- Biostatistics
- Environmental and Occupational Health
- Global Health
- Health Economics
- Human Health Risk Assessment
- Infectious Disease
- Latino Immigrant Health
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health
- Maternal and Child Health
- Program Monitoring and Evaluation
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Public Health Ethics and History
- Substance Use and Abuse
- Urban Health

### Financial Aid

FINANCIAL AID

5:1 student/faculty ratio. Receive more personal mentorship from faculty.

400+ hours of practical experience. Make a difference on day one.

9 of 10 students say the skills they learn are relevant to career goals, and with greater confidence.

Research centers. Broad opportunities to learn from experts in your field of study.

The co-op program is one of the main reasons I chose Dornsife. Getting work experience while you’re an undergraduate is invaluable…you can explore your area of interest.

Liam Gaberson
Epidemiology

I want to work on the ground, in the community to improve public health. I honestly think it was the Drexel faculty and staff that helped me find my interests. They made time for me and supported me, they were invested in helping me reach my goals.

Jamy Brandon
MPH ’16
CERTIFICATES & ONLINE LEARNING

The Dornsife School of Public Health also applies its solutions-based learning methods and unique expertise in urban, national, and global health research and practice to programs that promote lifelong learning. The School offers a series of online certificates that prepare students to enter the world of public health or advance their careers. Drexel Dornsife’s online certificate programs focus on the development of concentrated knowledge and skills that prepare students to make a difference.

“I COMPLETED A DREXEL DORNSIFE CERTIFICATE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIOSTATISTICS AND I AM CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE CDC’S EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. IN THIS POSITION, I HAVE DEPLOYED INTERNATIONALLY IN RESPONSE TO TWO OUTBREAKS, ASSESSED A WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM IN KIBERA, AFRICA’S LARGEST INFORMAL URBAN SETTLEMENT, AND DESIGNED A RESEARCH PROTOCOL TO EVALUATE USAGE PATTERNS.”

Hammad S. N’cho, PhD
Certificate in Epidemiology and Biostatistics ’16 / Global Epidemiology Team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

“IN MY TIME IN LESOTHO, I LEARNED TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT… ACADEMICALLY AND IN LIFE. I’M SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY SO EARLY IN MY CAREER.”

Mariah Menanno
BS ’20, Dornsife Global Development Scholar researching health impact of drought
The Office of Global Health at Drexel Dornsife teaches students to approach health program planning and scientific questions from a multidisciplinary and entrepreneurial perspective. The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program also brings students together to work on projects that help to improve health outcomes in communities in Africa. Undergraduate and graduate students can take advantage of these learning opportunities, public health practice partnerships, and field experiences designed to teach them how to address global public health issues in key urban and rural regions that also include Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

LEARNING THE WORLD: GLOBAL HEALTH
SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PREVENTION
MPH, MS, DrPH, PhD

The Department of Community Health and Prevention (CHP) promotes health through the scientific study of communities by examining the social, cultural, economic, and environmental factors that influence health. Our work also focuses on the human rights and social justice aspects of public health in order to secure the conditions in which people and populations can be healthy.

Our multidisciplinary work is reflected in our actions, programs, and policies that build upon community values, strengths, and assets to improve the public’s health. Our training programs provide a diverse student body with the chance to learn and practice rigorous behavioral and prevention science methodologies to become experts in a range of community health areas.

Our faculty are renowned for their innovative strategies in health promotion and public health practice. They work closely with our students and community partners to break new ground in the investigation of the impact of community factors on health.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIOSTATISTICS
MPH, MS, PhD

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics applies, develops, and teaches the skills needed to understand the determinants of disease and improve health.

The epidemiology program focuses on descriptive and analytic approaches used to understand the complex causes of major public health problems and to develop effective strategies to prevent them. The biostatistics program centers on the development and application of theory and methods in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data used in public health and other biomedical sciences.

The faculty conduct pioneering research in many areas, including aging, autism, biostatistical methods, cancer, cardiovascular disease, environmental risk factors, infectious disease and prevention, social and neighborhood determinants of health.

ENVIROMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
MPH, MS

The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health trains students in the core disciplines applicable to practice and research in this field, including toxicology, exposure science, epidemiology, risk assessment, and policy. Students explore the multiple ways that chemical, radiological, and biological factors in the community and workplace impact health.

The curriculum emphasizes preventive actions focused on creating healthier environments for communities and workers.

The research interests pursued by our faculty include the health impact of air pollution, pesticides and other environmental exposures, environmental policy, approaches to injury prevention, and environmental contributors to health disparities.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY
MPH, JD/MPH, DrPH

The Department of Health Management and Policy prepares the next generation of public health practitioners and leaders to take on management and policy roles that will improve population health and health care delivery at the local and national levels. Students concentrate in either management or health policy, and are prepared to plan, implement, evaluate and operate effective, community-responsive programs and organizations that can bring about positive change. Recognizing that almost all policy impacts health, faculty train students to develop skills in management, organization, finance, advocacy, political action, research, and public policy analysis.

Faculty research interests include the impact of the health care system on health and health care policy, health disparities, the dissemination of research to policymakers, and the impact of urban policies on health.

“DREXEL HAS TAUGHT ME TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE AND ANALYZE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH POLICY ISSUES AND THINK ABOUT SOLUTIONS IN CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE WAYS. BETWEEN MY COURSEWORK AND ACADEMIC ADVISING, I FEEL CONFIDENT ENTERING THE PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.”

Garrett Devenney
MPH ’18 - David A. Winston Health Policy Fellow

“AS A STUDENT, I WAS THROWN INTO THE COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY. DORNISFE IS REALLY A UNIQUE PLACE TO GAIN SKILLS, HARD SKILLS, MARKETABLE SKILLS, IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND DATA. AND AT THE SAME TIME, REALLY BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS. YOU ARE NOT JUST GOING TO BE IN A CLASSROOM.”

Samantha Joseph
MPH ’12 - DrPH ’20
YOUR CAREER

At Drexel Dornsife, your career begins before you leave the classroom. Our co-op and graduate practicum opportunities allow you to gain experience and establish a network of mentors and connections that will become the foundation of your professional life while you are pursuing your degree.

You may select opportunities to work in a range of settings, including hospitals, health departments, housing organizations, community programs, or institutions that make policy.

Students are offered several opportunities to develop the skills needed to build successful careers, including counseling, resume writing, interview training, and work with faculty and alumni mentors.

Nearly half of Drexel Dornsife’s graduates go on to work with the organizations they select through co-op or practicum assignments. Whether you choose work in the Pennsylvania region or beyond, as a Drexel Dornsife graduate, you’ll join a family of distinguished alumni who are transforming public health across the country and around the world, while enjoying rewarding and exciting careers.

89% of Drexel Dornsife students are employed by graduation.

90% of Drexel Dornsife graduates are satisfied with their full-time jobs.

Jessica Lee
EMPH ’11, VP Clinical Operations and Clinical Compliance; Global Integration at Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Lauren Finn
MPH ’13

I am the waterborne disease surveillance coordinator at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. I coordinate disease investigations, epidemiological studies, and educational outreach activities.

Rebecca Golden
MPH ’18 - MD ’19

Conducting my MPH research at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children further solidified my desire to dedicate my career to advocating for underserved patient populations.

“I was able to engage with other passionate individuals who were equally focused on making an impact on community health.”

The executive MPH program was an incredible experience; I was able to join a distinguished alumni who are transforming public health across the country and around the world, while enjoying rewarding and exciting careers.”

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Drexel Dornsife has emerged as a center of excellence for research in urban health, as well as the rigorous, innovative investigation of the most effective methods for improving health in communities of all types. Scholarship at Drexel Dornsife is focused on uncovering solutions to local, state, national, and global population health problems through an interdisciplinary approach that considers the many factors that influence health practice and policies that impact health.

Drexel Dornsife faculty and scholars investigate an extensive range of subjects, including: the effects of urban policies on health, impact of neighborhoods and communities on health, preventing overdose deaths, air pollution health effects, injury prevention and worker safety, improving health care access, strategies to prevent the health consequences of urban violence, global health, and more.

The School has established nine research centers and programs targeting key public health issues and offering students unique opportunities to engage in important areas of public health practice. Our commitment goes beyond investigation. We make every effort to ensure that the evidence we generate is shared with communities, policymakers, and other stakeholders, in ways that create meaningful change.

**CENTERS AND PROGRAMS**

- A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
- Center for Firefighter Injury Research & Safety Trends
- Center for Hunger-Free Communities
- Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice
- Center for Population Health and Community Impact
- Center for Public Health Readiness and Communication
- Council on Black Health
- Maternal Child Health Program
- The Urban Health Collaborative
The Drexel Dornsife School’s Office of Student Affairs offers a variety of support, resources, and programs so you can get the most out of your time at Drexel.

We encourage students to get involved with campus life as well as support and participate in student initiatives. When you come to Drexel Dornsife, you become part of a community of people across the campus and the city, through the School’s many student-focused activities and organizations.

The wider University also offers many resources to enhance learning, help you stay healthy, and plan for your future.

Monthly Professional Development seminars and Career Planning workshops
150+ undergraduate and graduate student organizations
More than 10 public health student interest groups and committees
Alumni-to-student mentoring
Student-to-student mentoring

Center for Learning and Academic Success Services
Counseling and Health Services
Gender and Sexuality Resource Space
Latinx Community Resource Space
Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
Recovery Resource Space
Spiritual and Religious Life
Steinbright Career Development Center
The Daskalakis Recreation Center
The Student Government Organization of the School of Public Health
Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion
Veteran Student Services
Women’s Resource Space
LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA

Students and faculty from all over the country and the world come to Drexel Dornsife to contribute their diverse perspectives to improving public health.

Drexel Dornsife students come from leading high schools and professional environments such as government, academia, health care services, community organizations, and the non-profit sector to further their education in the fast-paced city of Philadelphia.

The second largest city on the East Coast, Philadelphia is home to world-class museums, amazing restaurants, beautiful parks, and legendary historical sites. “Philly” is a sophisticated city that still has a small-town sense of community. It’s a fun, affordable, high-energy place to live.