Undergraduate Public Health Major

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The Front Lines of the Virus Fight

By Gaby Galvin

Mothers, Babies Overlooked in the Drug Crisis

Many women who suffer from opioid abuse are also using other drugs, experts say.

By Gaby Galvin Staff Writer Dec. 30, 2019, at 6:00 a.m.

Digital Solutions Can Address the Problem of Student Mental Health

Apps, teletherapy and other digital tools should be used to help tackle the problems of student mental health.

By Endi Montague Contributor Jan. 6, 2020, at 11:26 a.m.
Dr. Yudell is a researcher in the fields of ethics, and the history of public health. His work focuses on risk communication, and the history of the race concept in biology. Dr. Tabb’s goal is to drive home the point that where people eat, sleep, work, learn, and play impacts their health and ultimately their lives. Dr. Massey through online search behaviors and social media posts, explores non-traditional public health data sources to better inform research and practice.
Our Mission
The Dornsife School of Public Health improves the health of communities and populations. We are committed to solving our world’s most difficult health challenges.

“If we want to change our world so that it is better for all of us, we need to understand it. This understanding is what science is about. Purposeful action cannot happen without understanding.”

Dean Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH
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- Innovative education and training programs
- Cutting edge research and scholarship
- Cooperative partnerships with other civic, business and academic institutions
Top 20 in the nation! • #1 in Philadelphia!

Dornsife is ranked in the top 20 schools of public health in the nation and first in Philadelphia by U.S. News & World Report
Core Disciplines

- Community Health and Prevention
- Epidemiology
- Health Management and Policy
- Environmental and Occupational Health
Major Overview

- 4 year, 1 COOP cycle
- 181 credits
- 9 core classes
- Representation of all aspects of Public Health
- 3 course progression in Senior Capstone
# Sample Plan of Study

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- Interdisc PH Req
- General Ed
- Phys/Life
- Free Elective
- Social Science
- Overall Total: 181

Subject to Change

#newdragons
Public Health and Medical School

- Public Health and medicine are complimentary disciplines
- MCAT revisions will include more of an emphasis on social/behavioral health and social determinants = public health
- Enough free electives to complete medical school requirements within the Public Health major
## Sample Pre-Med Plan of Study

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Subject to Change
The Drexel Experience

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Faculty who inspire. Research that empowers.

Protect those experiencing homelessness in an urban environment.

Conduct research in prenatal exposures that could possibly be linked to autism.

Study climate change and its association with crime.
Test drive your career with cooperative education
Co-op is more than an internship.

Cooperative Education is hands-on workplace experience in your field of study.

Some benefits are:
- **Explore** your career options in a six-month-long job
- **Build** a stand-out résumé
- **Network** with industry professionals
- **Prep** for graduate studies

All Public Health majors complete a co-op in the spring and summer of their junior year.
Where do students co-op?

• Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
• Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation
• Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
• Eleventh Street Family Health Services
• Global Development Scholars: World Vision International
• PECO
• Drexel University Building Wealth & Health Network
• Good Shepard Penn Partners
• Broad Street Ministry
• Inovio Pharmaceuticals
• Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships

95.5% of Public Health co-ops felt their position was relevant to their career objective.
“I decided to connect with every Drexel graduate who happened to work at NASA. This encounter resulted in a coop opportunity.”

“I specifically work in policy and spend much of my time revising agency-wide documents that typically gravitate towards human and animal protection. I am also responsible for compiling health and medical research findings conducted on the International Space Station.”
Global opportunities abound.

Work in physical therapy in Cape Town, South Africa.

Promote preventative healthcare in Singapore.

The Office of Scholarship Development can help with funding and applications for many opportunities!

Dornsife Global Scholars
The Dornsife Global Development Scholars program is able to leverage a partnership between Drexel University and World Vision in 10 countries in eastern, western and southern Africa where World Vision and the Dornsifes have ongoing water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) projects.
What our students say…

“DSPH is an inspiring place to learn. When you are constantly surrounded by positive attitudes and passion, it is easy for some of that spirit to rub off on you.”

“I’ve learned a holistic approach to addressing and thinking critically about issues within the field of public health. Being at Dornsife has strengthened my passion for health equity and making a difference.”
Overview: Academic Advising

What We Do

- Assist with academic planning
- Discuss your academic goals and performance
- Refer you to support services
- Clarify policies, procedures and regulations
- Provide support to make sure you get the most out of your Drexel experience and reach your highest potential

Your Responsibilities

- Initiate contact
- Be familiar with policies, procedures and deadlines
- Keep track of progress towards your degree (use DegreeWorks)
- Inform your advisor immediately when an issue disrupts your ability to attend class
- When in doubt…don’t be afraid to ask!
### HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE

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  Still Needed: 1 Class in COM 230

- **Select one Communication course**  
  Still Needed: Choose from 1 of the following:
  - 1 Class in COM 310
  - 1 Class in COM 320

### ACCESSING DEGREEWORKS

1. Log in to DrexelOne.
2. Choose the **Academics** tab.
3. In the **Registration Channel**, select the “DegreeWorks Graduation Requirements” link.
Next Steps

- Confirm your enrollment (if applicable)
- Setup your Drexel accounts
- Review your Transfer Credit Evaluation
- Contact your Academic Advisor
  - DrexelOne
  - http://drexel.edu/coas/about/undergraduate-advising/