

# **Student Engagement**

#### About Us

The Academy/DPHA is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1930. Our educational activities span the spectrum from consumer health education to continuing education medical conferences.

Academy/DPHA students members can network with professionals currently working in public health and other related disciplines.

#### **Internship Program**

In 2012, the Academy initiated a pilot program to provide a highly customized internship program for a variety of age and educational stage learners.

In 2016, we accepted three interns to explore and learn with us under the disciplines of Public Health, History, and Law.

## **Graduate Education**

#### **Student Financial Aid**

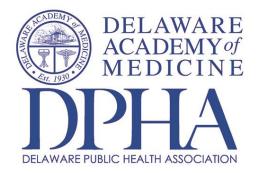
The Academy's Student Financial Aid program was established in 1961 to help encourage Delaware students to study medicine and dentistry. To date, over 300 students have received close to \$2 million in loans.

### **Global Health Track at CCHS**

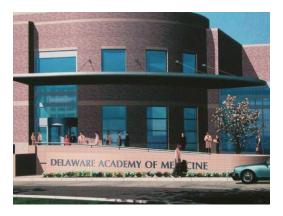
With the support of the Academy/DPHA and the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians, the Christiana Care Health System's Global Health Curriculum is an interdepartmental collaboration between the Departments of Medicine and Family Medicine, and the Med-Peds Residency program, to encourage education and interest in the Global Health Field.

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Enhancing the well-being of our community through medical education and the promotion of public health



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### What is Public Health?

Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Public health professionals:

- Promote and protect the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work, and play
- Evaluate and regulate the health needs of the public
- Focus on improving health
- Tackle complex problems facing healthcare systems and services
- Promote healthy behaviors and habits
- Work on an individual, professional, or community level
- Analyze threats to the health of a population



### **Public Health Programs**

Public Health programs reduce the incidence of disease, disability, the effects of aging and other physical and mental health conditions.

Antibiotic Resistance Communicable Diseases Diabetes Health in All Policies HIV/AIDS Obesity Safe Sex Campaigns Anti-Tobacco / Smoking Cessation

#### Interdisciplinary

Modern public health practice requires teams of people, working together to improve a community's quality of life.

## **Careers in Public Health**

Public health professionals have a solid understanding of key disciplines like health surveillance, social determinants of health and disease, ethics, infrastructure, and research.

A public health professional can have a general mastery of the field, or can get a degree in a specific field of public health.

#### **Fields in Public Health**

- Behavioral Health
- Biostatistics
- Community Health
- Epidemiology
- Environmental Health
- Health Economics
- Mental Health
- Occupational Safety
- Public Policy

