Environmental and Public Health

At UW-Eau Claire
Do you have a strong interest in science and concern for public health and the environment? Would you like to be responsible for protecting us from biological, chemical and physical hazards that exist in our human environment? This major prepares you for employment in regulatory agencies, industries or consulting firms concerned with environmental quality and protection. You’ll learn how you can play an important role in the reduction and elimination of environmental health hazards as well as preserving and improving environmental factors for optimum health, safety, comfort and well-being. If this sounds like a perfect match than a degree in Environmental and Public Health is the major for you.

Well trained, well paid
The ENPH Program provides the education and training to have graduates earn starting salary + benefit packages of $45-65,000/year. Personable and caring faculty, paid internships and faculty-student research opportunities all help to make our graduates very competitive in the job market.

Top ranked program
UW-Eau Claire offers one of only a few accredited undergraduate environmental health programs in the Midwest, accreditation is by the National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC). It’s one of only 32 accredited programs in the country. The placement rate for graduates of the ENPH program at UW-Eau Claire is 100%.

Great facilities and faculty
Students have access to excellent laboratories with equipment used in environmental public health. The program has many practical and hands-on learning opportunities such as paid internships, job shadowing and extensive field work. In addition, all classes include computer supported instruction using the innovative Desire 2 Learn system. You will learn from outstanding faculty, including a practicing veterinarian, an industrial hygienist called in to respond to 9/11, and a Fulbright Scholar. ENPH is part of the Watershed Institute.

Student Orgs
Students can participate in campus organizations such as the National Environmental Health Association and the Conservationists to further explore their interests.

Ideal for pre-professionals
The Environmental Public Health major meets all basic science requirements to enter the pre-medicine, pre-veterinary, pre-dentistry, or pre-optometry programs.

Our graduates
Graduates of the ENPH program work for local, state or federal health-related regulatory agencies. They work as an industrial environmental sanitarian or quality control specialist in food processing plants. Some find careers with major insurance companies, industries, or environmental consulting firms dealing with safety, industrial hygiene, hazardous waste or environmental monitoring.

Places our grads go:
- Consumer Safety Office Investigator, USDA, Madison, WI
- Environmental Technician, Institute for Environmental Assessment, Brooklyn Park, MN

“...has opportunities for faculty-student research, small class sizes, and the broad foundation in science that I’ve learned qualified me for a life changing internship at the CDC’s headquarters in Atlanta, GA.”

— Andy

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Special admission notes
It is essential that a first year student start the biology and chemistry sequence as early as possible. Because biology, chemistry and physics classes are demanding and time-consuming, a student should not schedule more than two courses with a required laboratory during the first year. A first year student would be well served to complete the English composition requirement and the Introductory Environmental Health course during the first or second semester.

It is important to meet with advisors in the ENPH program to plan out coursework to get the most out of the program based on student goals and interests. In addition meeting with advisors is important in completing the required internship most often taken between the junior and senior year.