Environmental Public Health

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 Public Health is the major for you.

Major
Comprehensive major (no minor required)
• Environmental Public Health

Minor
• Public Health

Where you'll find our grads
• Consumer Safety Office Investigator, USDA (Madison, WI)
• U.S. Public Health Services, Indian Health Service (Bemidji, MN)
• Environmental Health Sanitarian (Marathon County, WI)
• Safety, Health and Environmental Specialist (Hudson, WI)

Prepared for Success
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.

Graduates of the ENPH program work for local, state or federal health and environmental regulatory agencies. Private sector employment offers students health and safety positions. Some find careers with major insurance companies, industries, or environmental consulting firms dealing with safety, industrial hygiene, hazardous waste or environmental monitoring.

“UW-Eau Claire 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 | ENPH Student

Why UW-Eau Claire
Rankings / Reputation / Well-funded programs
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 and 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%.

Hands-On Experience
Students have access to excellent laboratories with equipment used in

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Environmental Public Health (continued)

The Environmental Public Health major meets all basic science requirements to enter the pre-medicine, pre-veterinary, pre-dentistry, or pre-dentistry, or pre-optometry programs. Please contact the Health Careers Center for more information on pre-professional health programs.

Special Admission Guidelines

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 for students to meet with their advisor to get the most out of the program based on their goals and interests and to plan for the completion of the required internship most often taken between the junior and senior year.

Get Involved / Student Orgs

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

Suggested Freshman Curriculum

- Intro to Environmental Health
- General Chemistry I
- Foundations of Biology
- Seminar in Critical Reading and Writing
- General electives

Advanced classes:
- Environmental Toxicology and Risk Management
- Occupational Safety Management
- Water and Wastewater

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses

All undergraduate environmental public health majors complete a core of course work in biology, chemistry, physics, algebra, and English.