



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Newark Campus

Piscataway/New Brunswick Campus

Stratford/Camden Campus

FACT SHEET

- Established in 1998 as the eighth school of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), the UMDNJ-School of Public Health (SPH) is sponsored by UMDNJ in cooperation with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). The School has been founded on a long, strong, established history of graduate public health education with UMDNJ and Rutgers University that began in 1983 in New Jersey, and it has progressively developed into the present statewide School.
- The School is nationally recognized as a statewide, multi-institutional, multi-campus scholarly community of educators, researchers and practitioners dedicated to improving the health and well-being of diverse communities and populations in New Jersey and elsewhere through collaborative teaching, research and service.
- SPH received full accreditation in 2001 for a maximum term of five years as the first collaborative school of public health in the nation to be accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health; continued accreditation conferred in 2007 for maximum term of seven years.
- SPH offers the MS degree program and, together with Rutgers and NJIT, offers the MPH degree program. SPH also partners with Rutgers University in providing the PhD and DrPH degree programs. The degree programs are planned to accommodate full-time students as well as working professionals as part-time students to focus on job-related areas of concentration. Most classes at all campuses are offered in the late afternoons/early evenings.
- Dual degree programs are also offered with various partnering UMDNJ schools, Rutgers University, and NJIT, including MD/MPH, DO/MPH, DMD/MPH, PsyD/MPH, MS in Biomedical Sciences/MPH, MS in Community Health Nursing/MPH, MSN/MPH, MPH/MBA, MPH/MSPA (Master of Science in Physician Assistant) and JD/MPH degrees. Additionally, articulated BS/MPH degree programs are offered with Rutgers-New Brunswick and William Paterson University, and the articulated BA/MPH degree program is offered with Rutgers-New Brunswick.
- Certificate programs are offered in the following areas: General Public Health; Public Policy and Oral Health Services Administration; Environmental and Occupational Health; Clinical Epidemiology; and Public Health Preparedness.
- Three campuses comprise SPH – Newark, Piscataway/New Brunswick, and Stratford/Camden. There are eight departments among the campuses, including Dental Public Health, Quantitative Methods, and Urban Health Administration in Newark; Biostatistics, Environmental and Occupational Health, Epidemiology, Health Education and Behavioral Science, and Health Systems and Policy in Piscataway/New Brunswick; and Health Systems and Policy in Stratford/Camden.
- SPH has 196 full-time, part-time and volunteer faculty members as of December 2007. With a minority population of 31% for primary faculty and 36% for staff, the School maintains an environment that supports diversity. In 2001, an Endowed Chair in Dental Public Health was established through the Hunterdon Health Fund in collaboration with UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School. In 2004, the first University Professor for SPH was recruited.

Nation's First Collaborative School of Public Health



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- The Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities at UMDNJ was launched by SPH in 2001 to address the significant disparities that exist between various racial and ethnic groups. This statewide research initiative engages and fosters continual research that will lead to a better understanding of the social, economic and cultural causes for these disparities and seek to identify strategies to address and eliminate them.
- The Tobacco Dependence Program was established in 2000 and provides research, advocacy and technical assistance to reduce the harm caused by tobacco use.
- The New Jersey Center for Public Health Preparedness at UMDNJ, one of the nation's Centers for Public Health Preparedness, was established by the UMDNJ-School of Public Health in 2003. This integrated network of centers was initially created in 2000 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Association of Schools of Public Health, and has grown to encompass 52 US schools of public health, medical schools, and university programs. This network focuses on improving the capacity of front line public health and health care workers to respond to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies.
- For Academic Year 2007 the School's awards from external grants and contracts totaled \$10,234,558, which constituted 59% of the School's annual funding.
- The Office of Public Health Practice offers training and educational opportunities for those practicing in the field of public health, environmental health and occupational safety, as well as for those in schools, industry, various professional fields, and for the general public. Nearly 400 continuing education courses are offered annually.
- SPH's programs reach an international population:
 - ▶ In 2001, the School forged a partnership with the city of Split, Croatia (pop. 189,388), focusing on prevention of adolescent alcohol consumption using a school-based intervention program called Project Northland, and the program continues today.
 - ▶ Since 2003, SPH students and faculty members journeyed to the Dominican Republic to undertake public health projects in Haitian "bateyes," which are extremely poor communities of sugarcane workers and their families.
 - ▶ SPH researchers are working with researchers in China on several overlapping projects that are designed to examine molecular and physiological responses to drastic changes in air pollution levels and compositions brought by air pollution control actions during and around the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.
 - ▶ A Health Effects Institute-funded study, jointly conducted by SPH and the Imperial College in London, UK, started to generate publications reporting lung function reduction, airway inflammation, and symptoms worsening in asthmatic patients following a two-hour walk in a London street packed with diesel-powered buses and taxicabs.
 - ▶ Through the establishment of the Thai Fogarty International Training and Research Program In Environmental and Occupational Health (ITREOH) Center, funded by the Fogarty International Center at the U. S. National Institutes of Health, the UMDNJ-School of Public Health, Rutgers University and Thailand's Chulalongkorn University are collaborating in providing training and research in environmental and occupational health. The major theme of the Center is the consequences of pesticide use and control technologies.