

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Public Health Officers are responsible for taking measures to protect the public's health. They do this by investigating disease outbreaks, monitoring public health trends, and educating the public on how to stay healthy. Public health officers may work directly with patients or they may focus on research and policy development.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES

- You like to help others
- You are concerned about social issues
- You can comfortably talk with all kinds of people
- You are a practical person



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 8,000 - 6,00,600*** for the full course

**These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

• National Scholarship Portal - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government schemes, UGC/AICTE Schemes and Assam Government Schemes offered by different departments*

• Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI*

• Scholarships are also available in the Institutes based on merit*

**(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)*

LOANS

• VidyaLakshmi, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA).

• Some states have student credit cards with low interest rates, for instance, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, etc.

• All banks give education loans.



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10+2 in the Science stream (Physics, Chemistry and Biology)
2. Complete a Bachelor's degree (B.P.H.A.) in Public Health Administration
OR
Complete a Bachelor's degree followed by a Master's degree (M.P.H.A) in the same field
OR
Complete Bachelor's degree followed by a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health (PGDPH)

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

**The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of a Public Health Officer ranges between **INR 17,000 - 80,000*** or more per month

Source - https://www.payscale.com/research/IN/Skill=Public_Health/Salary



WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

Places of Work: You can work at Government and Private hospitals, Dispensaries, Government Offices and Pharmaceutical Companies among others.

Work Environment: It is not a desk job. You are likely to oversee a team of officials. Local travel is part of the job profile. Hospitals usually work 6 to 7 days a week and 8 to 10 hours every day. This may vary from hospital to hospital.

Opportunities for work exist for differently abled in this field

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Health Workers → Health Officer → Senior Health Officer → Chief Health Officer

Search keywords...



health officer, environmental health officer, health and safety officer

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

The course is offered by the Department of Public Health Administration/Medicine. This list of institutes is indicative only.

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

1. AIIMS Rishikesh - All India Institute of Medical Sciences
2. Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry
3. AIIMS Jodhpur - All India Institute of Medical Sciences
4. NIMHANS Bangalore - National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences
5. KUHS Thrissur - Kerala University of Health Sciences
6. Armed Forces Medical College, Pune
7. National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore
8. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

(Please check if Institute is affiliated and accredited with UGC and MCI before applying)

1. Indian Institute Public Health, Shillong
2. DYPMC Pune - Dr D Y Patil Medical College Hospital and Research Centre
3. Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University, Gurgaon
4. KIMS Karad - Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Maharashtra
5. SME Kottayam - School of Medical Education, Kerala
6. JSS Medical College, Mysore
7. Manipal University (MAHE) - Manipal Academy of Higher Education
8. TISS Mumbai - Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Information on Institute rankings is available at - <https://www.nirfindia.org/2022/Ranking.html>

DISTANCE LEARNING INSTITUTE

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

ONLINE COURSES

Coursera - <https://bit.ly/3QUOW6j>

EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Nanjundachar Sumana co-founded Train and Help Babies (TaHB) in Texas in 2015 with her husband Prakash Kabbur. She studied public health in the U.S. after passing out of JSS Medical College, Mysuru. The NGO encourages medical professionals or others to adopt a medical centre — either a government or government-funded hospital. TaHB provides all the funds.*

Source - <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/nri-couple-from-state-training-doctors-nurses/article24223951.ece>

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