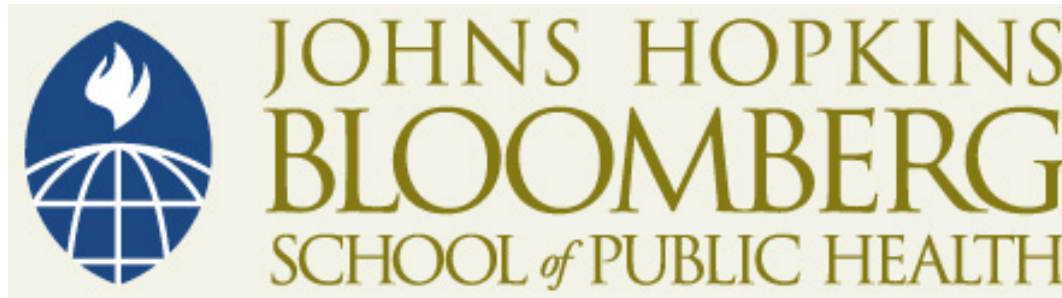


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# Who Will Keep The Public Healthy

Can I do public health too?

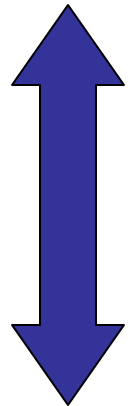
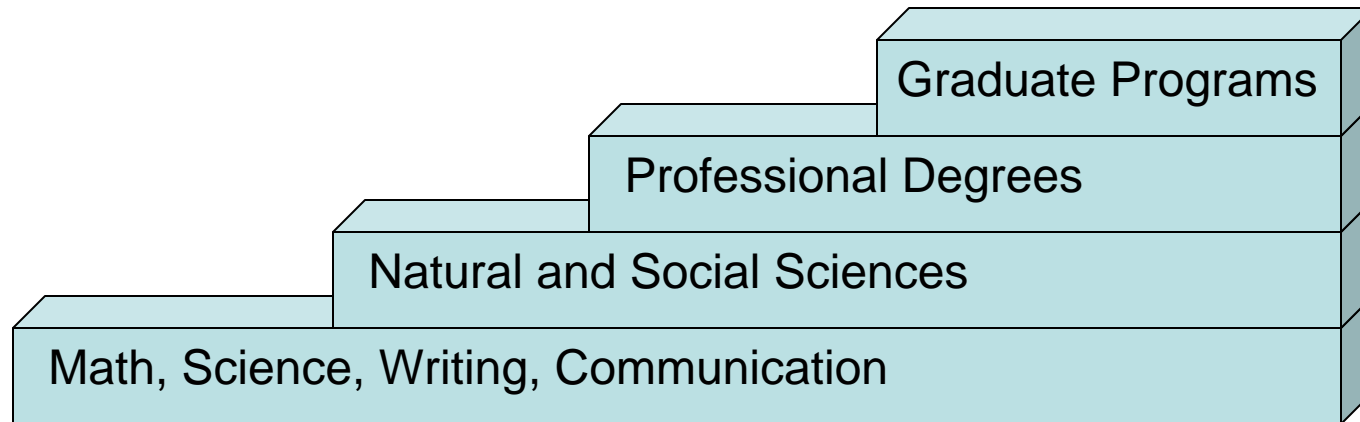
# Public Health Professions

- Local Health Officers, State Health Officer
- Public Health Nurses
- Sanitarians
- Public Health Administrators
- Program Managers
- Board of Health Members

# More Public Health Jobs

- Epidemiologists
- Nosologists
- Environmental Engineers
- Toxicologists
- Health Educators
- Risk Communication Specialists
- Regulators, Legal, Ethics

# What Career Paths?



# Skills For Public Health

- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health
- Health Services Administration, and
- Social and Behavioral Science
- Informatics
- Genomics
- Communication
- Cultural Competence
- Community-based Participatory Research
- Policy and Law
- Global Health, and
- Ethics

# How Can PH Help Me As A Practicing Clinician?

- Identifying community health problems
- Providing health education materials for patients
- Providing consultation and training on the best way to manage certain diseases
- Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
- Helping you and your patients obtain essential preventive and diagnostic care
- Undertaking contact investigation, screening and treatment for communicable & reportable diseases

# How Can I Help Public Health?

- Always see your patients in the context of the larger population groups of which they are a part (numerator and denominator)
- Realize your practice extends well beyond your office walls – REPORT DISEASES
- Emphasize clinical preventive services
- Take time to educate your patients
- LISTEN to your patients and community
- Ask for help when you are uncertain!!!

# Dr. Rubenstein, Massachusetts State Epidemiologist, 1950s

“My most difficult decision is deciding when I should get up out of my chair and go into the field and investigate for myself”



Black and white images from CDC PHIL. The left panel is from 1955 of EIS officers meeting with Langmuir about Polio outbreak in the US. The 1975 image depicted World Health Organization (WHO) epidemiologist Dr. Hari Mehta, collecting the lesion scabs from the legs of a young girl who was suspected of having smallpox, which will be sent to a laboratory for a diagnostic confirmation.