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You should consider combining a professional public health degree with a DVM if:

- You are a self-starter and an inquisitive person interested in population health issues.
- You want to have a greater impact on the health of both animals and people.
- You want to expand your long-term career options and opportunities in public practice.

What do public health veterinarians do?

Veterinarians are uniquely qualified to address important public health issues. They work in all areas of public health, including epidemiology, environmental health, global health, infectious disease investigation and control, and homeland security.



The education and training veterinarians receive allow them to respond to the myriad of new and emerging zoonotic diseases, and to prevent and control future disease threats. Veterinarians are experts in the increasingly complex global food system and leaders in public health policy.

What is the outlook for public health veterinarians?

Public health career opportunities for veterinarians will continue to expand with the

rapidly changing demographics of human and animal populations, increasing urbanization, increasing poverty, the expanding technology gap between developed and developing countries, and changes in the environment, land use and climate.



These changes will present new opportunities for public-health-trained veterinarians as part of veterinary and human health systems.

When and how do you get a degree in public health?

The DVM-MPH program is a five-year concurrent Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine and Master of Public Health degree program. The DVM is administered by the College of Veterinary Medicine and the MPH by the College of Public Health.

For an overview of the program and links to application materials, please visit the DVM-MPH Web site: www.vet.uga.edu/academic/dvmmph.php.

Beginning in the second year of study, two students per class will receive a \$5,000 stipend to offset tuition costs.

The application deadline is February 15th for current first- and second-year students enrolled in the veterinary

college.

Where do public health veterinarians work?

Public health veterinarians serve their communities by working with local, regional, national and international health organizations in both public and private institutions. Some examples include:

Government agencies

- State and local health departments
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Food and Drug Administration

Uniformed services

- U.S. Army and Air Force
- U.S. Public Health Service

International organizations

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

Non-governmental organizations

- Veterinarians Without Borders
- Heifer International

Industry

- Pharmaceutical and medical device companies
- Multinational food companies
- Private epidemiological research companies

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The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, founded in 1946, is dedicated to training future veterinarians, providing services to animal owners and veterinarians, and conducting research to improve the health of animals as well as people. Through its hospital and diagnostic laboratories, the College benefits pets and their owners, food-producing animals and wildlife. The laboratories safeguard public health through disease surveillance.

The University of Georgia College of Public Health was founded in 2005 with a commitment to protect human health through its teaching, research, and public service. The College was established to expand the availability of affordable public health education and training in Georgia and to increase public health expertise throughout the Southeast, allowing UGA to better address the serious disease and health problems that affect populations around the state, country and world.



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