



School of Public Health - At A Glance



VISION

Stronger Communities, Healthy People—Our Tradition

MISSION

Texas A&M School of Public Health is committed to transforming public health through interdisciplinary inquiry, innovative solutions, and development of leaders through the Aggie tradition of service to engage diverse communities worldwide.

FOUNDED

– 1998

LEADERSHIP

– Dean Shawn G. Gibbs, PhD, MBA, CIH

FACULTY

– 93

DEPARTMENTS

- Health Policy & Management
- Environmental & Occupational Health
- Epidemiology & Biostatistics
- Health Behavior

ACADEMICS

Enrollment Totals: 2,736 majors and 377 minors

Average GPA of BSPH students is consistently over a 3.5

- Bachelor of Science - 2,271
 - Public Health
 - Allied Health
 - Community Health
- Master of Public Health - 273
 - Biostatistics
 - Epidemiology
 - Environmental Health
 - Health Policy and Management
 - Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences
 - Occupational Safety and Health
- BSPH/MPH (3+2) - 31
- Master of Health Administration - 70
- DrPH - 46
 - Epidemiology
 - Environmental Health
 - Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy - 45
 - Health Services Research
 - Health Education

Minors - 377

- Public Health Sciences
- Occupational Safety & Health
- Health Behavior

STUDENT EXCELLENCE

- Ranked #1 in Texas and 27 of 218 Schools and Programs of Public Health by U.S. News and World Report.
- The MHA program is ranked 28 out of 96 programs in Healthcare Management by U.S. News and World Report.
- 98% job placement of Environmental and Occupational Health graduates with starting salaries averaging \$90,000.
- EpiAssist student volunteers provided in excess of 4,000 hours assisting Texas' state, regional and local health departments with outbreak investigations, disasters and emergencies, community health assessments and other projects.
- Public health students are actively involved in three learning communities:
 - Broad Street Society Honors Learning Community
 - Public Health First-Generation Scholars
 - Public Health Honors Program

RESEARCH CENTERS

- Center for Community Health and Aging
- Center for Health and Nature
- Center for Health Equity and Evaluation Research
- Center for Worker Health
- Southwest Rural Health Research Center
- USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness

APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE



735

Sites in Texas



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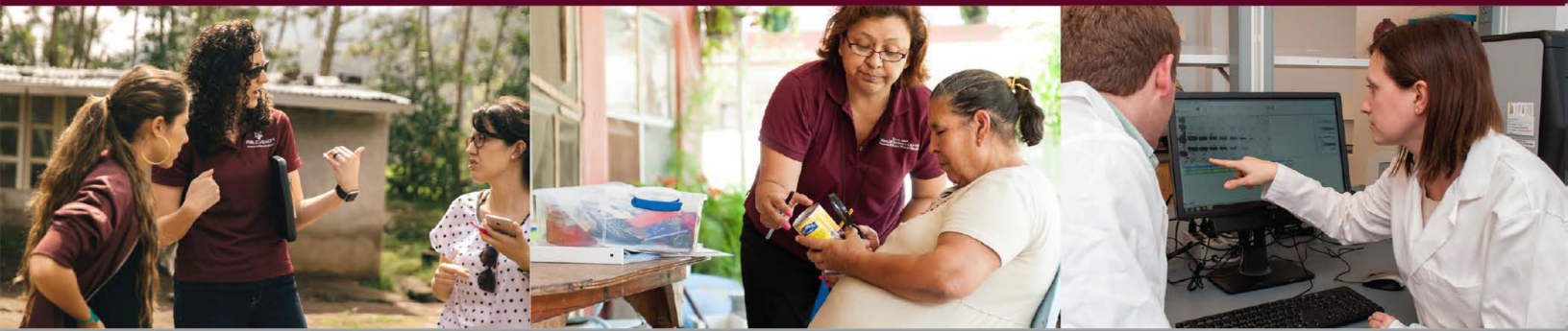
US States



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Countries

We provide many learning opportunities for students including applied practice experiences, field trips, and community engagement.



RESEARCH

- New awards from 9/1/23 to 8/31/24 were \$36.4 million.
- Researchers published more than 260 peer-reviewed papers in 2023 and have made impacts through public health interventions and/or research in all 254 counties in Texas.
- Research expenditures since the school's founding exceed \$146 million, with funding from federal, state, local, nonprofit, and private sources.
- Researchers are national leaders in rural health policy, community health and aging, healthcare access and equity, emergency preparedness and response, health economics, program evaluation, occupational and environmental health, and behavior health.
- The Southwest Rural Health Research Center has been awarded a 4-year, \$2.8 million cooperative agreement by Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). The award supports approximately four projects per year with interdisciplinary teams and graduate student support. Established in 2000 as one of six rural health research centers in the nation, the center has been continuously funded by FORHP since 2016.

RESEARCH AWARDS

- **\$12.6 million:** Texas Health and Human Services Commission Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Renewal (10-year extension).
- **\$3.9 million:** Department of Health and Human Resources-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is partnering with the School of Public Health to conduct epidemiologic investigations to assess the potential threat of HPAI A(H5N1) virus to humans in the U.S. and potential for infection of persons exposed to infected cows or contaminated materials.

- **\$1.3 million:** Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT) – A two-year study to ascertain the need for, and use of, inpatient beds for children and adolescents' acute mental health needs in Texas within the context of the continuum of care for mental health services.
- **\$1.1 million:** Department of Health and Human Resources- Administration for Community Living – US Aging – COVID-19 and Influenza uptake initiative for older adults and people with disabilities.
- **\$929 thousand:** Department of Health and Human Resources – National Institutes of Health – National Institute on Aging – Clairvoyant Networks, Inc.- Ultra wideband fall detection and prediction solution for people living with Alzheimer's disease and Alzheimer's disease related dementias.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Mark Benden, PhD, elected to the National Academy of Inventors.
- Cory Cobb, PhD, received the Samuel M. Turner Early Career Award from the Society of Clinical Psychology.
- Benika Dixon, DrPH, named Kavli Fellow by the National Academy of Sciences.
- Alva Ferdinand, DrPH, JD, named to the Health Resources and Services Administration's National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Service.
- Jennifer Griffith, DrPH, received the Riegelman Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education from the American Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.
- Krystal Flores, DrPH, named a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Faculty Fellow by the National MCH Workforce Development Center.
- Sherry Lin, PhD, received the Texas A&M Provost Academic Professional Track Faculty Teaching Excellence Award.
- Christopher Owens, PhD, received the National Science Foundation (NSF) Career Award.



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