

School of Public Health

# School of Public Health - At A Glance



# **VISION**

Healthy communities. Healthy people. Everywhere.

#### MISSION

We improve health and quality of life in Texas and beyond by leveraging our vast network and partnerships to produce innovative education, leadership development, research, and public health discovery.

FOUNDED - 1998 LEADERSHIP - Dean Shawn G. Gibbs, PhD, MBA, CIH FACULTY - 97 STAFF - 128

# **DEPARTMENTS**

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

#### **ACADEMICS**

Enrollment Totals: 2,633 majors and 377 minors **Average GPA of BSPH students exceeds 3.5** 

- Bachelor of Science 2,068
  - Allied Health
  - Community Health
  - Public Health
- Master of Public Health 338
  - Biostatistics
  - Environmental Health
  - Epidemiology
  - Health Behavior
  - Health Policy and Management
  - Occupational Safety and Health
- BSPH/MPH (3+2) 39
- Master of Health Administration 91
- DrPH 49
  - Environmental Health
  - Epidemiology
  - Health Behavior
- Doctor of Philosophy 48
  - Health Education
  - Health Services Research

- Minors 377
  - Occupational Safety & Health
  - Public Health

#### STUDENT EXCELLENCE

- Ranked #1 in Texas and #27 of 218 Schools and Programs of Public Health by U.S. News and World Report.
- 5th largest public health school student body in the nation.
- The MHA program is ranked #28 out of 96 programs in Healthcare Management by *U.S. News and World Report*.
- EpiAssist student volunteers provided more than 4,000
   hours assisting state, regional and local health
   departments of Texas with outbreak investigations,
   disasters and emergencies, community health
   assessments and other projects.
- BSPH 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

35



**22** 

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



## **RESEARCH**

- New awards from 9/1/24 to 8/31/25 were \$43.3 million.
- Researchers published more than 265 peer-reviewed papers in 2024 and have made impacts through public health interventions and/or research in all 254 counties in Texas.
- Research expenditures since the founding of the School exceed \$171 million, with funding from federal, state, local, nonprofit, and private sources.
- School of Public Health 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 behavioral health.
- Advancing Emergency Response and Public Health
  Preparedness through research initiatives focused on trauma
  triage implementation and evaluation. A federally funded
  project—nearly \$1 million in support—is supporting EMS
  agencies nationwide in adopting and assessing the 2021
  Field Trauma Triage Guidelines. Through recruitment,
  funding, performance monitoring, and development of
  national guidance, this work strengthens emergency medical
  systems and informs best practices across diverse
  communities.

# **RESEARCH AWARDS**

- **\$25 million:** Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Texas A&M University Opioid Prevention for Students K-12 (TOPS)
- **\$5 million:** Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc., Safer Water Projects This project will evaluate environmental health risks in water and soil by integrating biomarker analysis with community-centered approaches that will assess exposure to hazardous substances such as arsenic, lead, cadmium, and mercury in the Colonias

- \$965,000: Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Basic Overarching Cooperative Agreement for the Joint Disaster Medicine, and Public Health Ecosystem (Ecosystem BOCA)/Field Trauma Triage Guidelines Demonstration Project
- \$952,000: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -Tulane University, Region 6 Center for Health Security and Response Readiness
- \$943,000: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine - Understanding Protective Factors for the
   Mental Health and Suicide Consequences of Gulf Climate-Related Disasters

## **FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Marcia Ory, PhD, named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- Shawn Gibbs, PhD, chaired a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine workshop on Personal Protective Equipment for Influenza A (H5N1) in High-Risk Farm Settings.
- Cason Schmit, JD, named to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics of the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Timothy Erickson, PhD, received a Fulbright U.S.
   Scholar Program award in epidemiology and biostatistics to conduct research and teach in Malawi in southeast Africa.
- Jennifer Griffith, DrPH, received the Texas A&M University Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching.
- Selina Stasi, DrPH, received the Texas A&M University Community Engagement Award.
- Joshua Yudkin, PhD, received the Dorothy Huskey
   Excellence in Health Education Practice Award from the Texas Society for Public Health Education.
- Cory Cobb, PhD, named a Rising Star by the Association for Psychological Science.







