Overview

Public health begins with the basics of our existence—clean water, safe food and breathable air—and continues through more complex and technical issues such as auto safety, vaccine development and distribution, infectious disease, maternal and child health, obesity, and health care reform. Public health impacts all of us: how long we live, the quality of our lives, our sense of well-being and the wellness of our children and future generations.

Established in July 1997 as the GW School of Public Health and Health Services, the Milken Institute School of Public Health brought together three longstanding university programs in the schools of medicine, business, and education and is now the only school of public health in the nation’s capital. The school is committed to excellence in scholarship to advance the health of the populations of local, national, and global communities. The school’s mission is to provide the best public health educational experience incorporating our core values of scholarship and leadership, scientific rigor and policy analysis, and training to foster the next generation of thought leaders, practitioners, policy makers and scientists who will transform public health worldwide especially for underserved populations.
Join the Milken Institute School of Public Health in Making History

The Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University is on the rise. We are steadily climbing in national rankings; now in the top third of public health schools, our goal is to move to the top 10. We are one of the few public health schools to offer an undergraduate degree in public health policy and one of only three schools with a Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences. We are attracting the best students and faculty, and we have enormous exposure and influence on policy—nationally and internationally. We need your support to strengthen our programs and become an even more effective force in public health.

Fast Facts

- #14 on U.S. News and World Report list of best public health schools
- Milken Institute SPH occupies the only certified LEED Platinum university building in D.C.
- Offers an online Master of Public Health and Master of Health Administration
- Offers the first MPH/physician’s assistant program in the world

GW Public Health

1,700+ students
Students come from 39 countries
128 full-time faculty
8,300 alumni