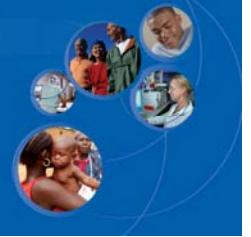


# Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS)



## Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) Tomorrow's Public Health Managers

The expanding mission of public health requires a public health workforce capable of applying a range of disciplines and strategies to programs that prevent disease and injury and promote health. In response, CDC has developed and implemented a program designed to train and prepare tomorrow's public health managers.

In September 1997, CDC established the Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS). PHPS is a 3-year training and service program for master's level public health professionals. Approximately 25 Prevention Specialists enter the program annually. The program focuses on public health program management and provides Prevention Specialists with experience in program planning, implementation, and evaluation through specialized hands-on training and mentorship at CDC, and in state and local health agencies. In addition to on-the-job training, the PHPS program provides formal instruction in program management, epidemiology, surveillance, emergency response, and program evaluation. Prevention Specialists participate in a variety of activities, such as seminars, evaluation projects, Web-based training, temporary duty assignments, and conferences, which are designed to teach essential public health program management skills.

### Prevention Specialists in Action

As Prevention Specialists strengthen their skills in public health program management, they work in a variety of public health program areas. Some of the management activities Prevention Specialists perform include developing strategies for asthma prevention in collaboration with community partners, developing and implementing HIV/AIDS action plans for Global AIDS Programs in other countries, developing partnerships with faith-based communities to combat HIV/AIDS, planning and developing state Healthy Aging programs, conducting community health needs assessments for public health initiatives, and evaluating programs (e.g., tobacco-free initiatives).

### Eligibility Requirements

- A master's degree in public health or related field
- U.S. Citizenship
- A strong desire for a career in public health practice
- Above average academic achievement in core areas of public health
- At least 1 year of paid public health-related work experience
- Application deadline: February 15 for Class beginning the following October

### For More Information

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