THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
enables you
to impact the world

In the School of Public Health, students pursue a variety of disciplines focused on preventing disease and promoting improved health among entire communities and populations. Majors within the School of Public Health are inherently interdisciplinary, with teams of professionals working together to solve some of society’s most complex challenges. Areas of study include social work, nutrition and dietetics, foods and nutrition, healthcare administration, health informatics and information management, and public health. We prepare you to pursue your calling as a healthcare advocate or researcher in the private or public sector, armed with the expertise and practical knowledge required to significantly impact our world.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work is a distinctly Christian learning community that prepares graduates for lives of service as social workers. We pursue this mission by emphasizing academic excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration, and service to humanity. As a student in the program, you will gain field placement opportunities in various fields of practice in local, national, and international locations. You will choose between concentrations in clinical social work or global community development and you will have many opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration with other professions in the College of Health Sciences.

The department offers students from eligible undergraduate majors a fast-track option that allows them to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in their selected major and a Master of Social Work after just five years of study. In addition, for graduate students called to both preach the gospel and engage in practical ministry, the department offers joint degree programs with Beeson Divinity School.

Degree
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

ADMISSION

Undergraduate students must first gain admission to Samford University. Graduate students should reference the website for additional application information. For more information, please contact:

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FACILITIES

The School of Public Health is located in Samford’s new College of Health Sciences facilities. Spanning more than 223,000 square feet, the College of Health Sciences is home to the schools of health professions, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Learning spaces are designed to foster interdisciplinary education experiences that prepare graduates to practice collaboratively, safely and effectively in the ever-evolving health care environment. A highlight of the facilities is a 22,000-square-foot simulation center that offers discipline-specific and interdisciplinary learning opportunities across the simulation continuum. In addition, students learn in more than 10 clinical and research labs and utilize some of the most sophisticated technology available.

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*This program is pending SACSCOC approval.

**Samford University’s Master of Social Work program was admitted to accreditation candidacy by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in June 2015 and is currently pursuing full accreditation. Students who graduate from an M.S.W. program in candidacy with CSWE are licensed eligible in Alabama, licensing laws vary by state.

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Samford University is an Equal Opportunity Institution that complies with applicable law prohibiting discrimination in its educational and employment policies and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information, or national or ethnic origin.
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

More than ever, entire professions are required to adapt as forces from all sides are changing the way we deliver health care. Most professions in the health care industry focus on direct patient care, treating and caring for individuals. But in the School of Public Health, we focus on issues that affect the health of entire populations. If you're calling here, you'll work to address some of the most difficult challenges to human health, from access to health care to violence and the return of infectious diseases.

The problems that affect health and well-being are complex in nature, and their resolution requires professionals to collaborate in an interdisciplinary manner. Consequently, School of Public Health students in every degree program work in collaboration with students in other departments and even other schools, learning to address the increasingly complex needs of the individuals and communities they serve.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Are you called to serve through dynamic leadership? Samford's Department of Healthcare Administration develops and nurtures servant leaders to make a mighty impact on the delivery of health care locally, nationally and around the world.

The United States health care system remains in a state of transition. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, healthcare administration can expect job growth of 23 percent from 2012 to 2022, outpacing most other occupations. Therefore, more leaders are needed who understand the delicate balance between the fiscal health of an organization and the ultimate health of a population. Our undergraduate degree program prepares you for entry-level management positions in health care organizations or admission into a graduate program. The online Master of Healthcare Administration equips graduates to lead health care organizations guided by Samford's Christian mission.

Degrees

- B.S., healthcare administration
- Master of Healthcare Administration (M.H.A.)*

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The use of information in health care has increased exponentially and with that so has the need for professionals to plan, build and manage the health information infrastructure. Employment of health information professionals is expected to grow twice as fast as employment overall, and three of the five fastest growing job categories between now and 2022 are predicted to involve health care and information technology. Graduates from our programs are armed with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively combine the fundamentals of health care, information technology and data analytics in order to improve patient outcomes and strengthen communities.

Degrees

- B.S., health information management
- Master of Health Informatics and Analytics (M.H.I.A.)*

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

As part of Samford University, the College of Health Sciences is part of a dynamic, expanding institution. Samford offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in 18 schools.

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics boasts 16 workstations in its state-of-the-art food labs.

100% placement rate into dietetic internships for nutrition and dietetics graduates

The nutrition program began in 1933.

MISSION & TRADITION: SAMFORD UNIVERSITY HAS MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF HISTORY IN HEALTH EDUCATION.

The Center for Faith and Health is home to all of our outreach programs, mission work and community initiatives; here we put our knowledge into practice to serve communities around the world.

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics offers two undergraduate degrees that prepare graduates for a range of opportunities, either in graduate school or in professional careers. We also offer an online Master of Science in Nutrition and a post-baccalaureate Dietetic Internship. Students have the option of combining the Dietetic Internship certificate with the Master of Science in Nutrition.

Degrees and Programs

- B.S., foods and nutrition
- B.S., nutrition and dietetics
- Dietetic Internship

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Department of Public Health utilizes a variety of multidisciplinary approaches to public health practice and research. In earning your degree you will explore both quantitative and qualitative aspects of public health at all levels of analysis. The public health major provides a broad and rigorous sequence of courses in biostatistics, epidemiology, public health systems, behavior science and environmental sciences. The need for public health professionals is overwhelming and growing annually.

As a graduate, whether you go on to begin your career or continue your education, you’ll be part of the next generation of public health professionals who are prepared to face the emerging challenges to human health from a population perspective. If you choose to enter the job market directly, there are countless opportunities in the public and private sector.

The Master of Public Health is offered online and it may be combined with other graduate degree programs, such as the Doctor of Pharmacy, Master of Social Work or Master of Science in Nutrition.

Degrees

- B.S. public health
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)