BIOBEHAVIORAL HEALTH, B.S. (HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Career Paths

Students with a B.S. in Biobehavioral Health have been successful in establishing careers in a variety of fields. Four example areas of employment include: clinical professions in health care, biomedical and pharmaceutical research support, health advocacy and consulting, and public health. Advanced career tracks may require a graduate or professional degree. Students are encouraged to engage in practical learning experiences that complement formal classroom learning. These can include training at the University Health Services or a hospital, working in a research laboratory, and/or a health-related internship or travel experience. Several engaged learning experience programs available include: BBH Internship program, Global Health minor, BBH research laboratory assistant, Clinical Volunteer Training, and HealthWorks.

Careers

• Examples of careers that BBH graduates might pursue include:
• Clinic Professions in Health care: physician assistant, physician, pharmacist, nurse, health care support staff
• Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Research Support: laboratory manager, study coordinator, research assistant
• Health Advocacy and Consulting: health education specialist, social worker, genetic counselor
• Public Health: public and community health worker, epidemiologist, substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE BIOBEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM (https://hhd.psu.edu/bbh/undergraduate/internships-and-career-opportunities/career-areas-major/career-opportunities/)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Depending on your career goals, BBH students might consider completing a graduate degree in biomedical, pharmaceutical or related health services research (e.g., M.S., Ph.D.), a clinical graduate program (e.g., M.D., D.O., P.A., Pharm. D.) or a professional degree in public health, health administration, social work, public policy or administration or law (e.g., M.P.H., M.H.A., M.S.W., M.P.A., M.P.P., J.D.)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (https://hhd.psu.edu/bbh/graduate/)

Professional Resources

• Explore Health Careers (https://explorehealthcareers.org/)
• National Institutes of Health Postbaccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (https://www.training.nih.gov/research-training/pb/pb/)

• American Academy of Physical Assistants - 5 Tips for Getting into PA School (https://www.aapa.org/news-central/2014/06/5-tips-for-getting-into-pa-school/)
• Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling – List of Accredited Programs (https://www.gceducation.org/students-volunteers/#program)
• American Physical Therapy Association – List of Accredited Programs (https://aptaapps.apta.org/accreditedschoolsdirectory/capedirectory.aspx)
• American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc (https://www.aota.org/)
• Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (https://aspph.org/student-journey/)
• Honoring Diversity in BBH (https://hhd.psu.edu/bbh/honoring-diversity/)