

Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences



Clean air, clean water, safe food and safe workplaces are the building blocks of healthy communities.

We educate tomorrow's health and safety leaders and reach today's workforce with sustainable health solutions through our public service, innovative research and cross-disciplinary partnerships. Our work improves people's lives and livelihoods and creates communities where everyone can thrive.

FAST FACTS



5th in the world

for environmental and occupational health programs¹



Nationally accredited

undergraduate and graduate programs²



Part of No.3-ranked

UW School of Public Health, among US public universities³

EDUCATION

233 students

Undergraduate and graduate degrees offered in environmental health, toxicology, industrial hygiene and safety, occupational and environmental medicine, and environmental and occupational health.

Degrees granted

- 108 bachelor's degrees
- 94 master's degrees
- 31 doctoral degrees

Our students

- 71% Washington state residents
- 67% women
- 24% underrepresented minorities
- 5% international students

Data from 2012-2017

123 faculty

Nationally recognized experts in their fields:

- 33 primary
- 4 joint
- 89 auxiliary

100%

of undergraduates and most master's students complete at least one internship or practicum as part of their education.

83%

of graduates are in jobs or postgraduate programs within 1 year of graduation. (2015-16)

Employers include: Amazon, Boeing, Google, Intel, Starbucks, US Coast Guard, federal and state agencies, county health departments.

1. Center for World University Rankings. 2. National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council and the Council on Education for Public Health. 3. Global Ranking of Academic Subjects.

SERVICE

We offer workplace consultations, lab analysis and clinical services to workers and employers in the Pacific Northwest.

4,698

professionals trained through 289 courses offered by our nationally recognized Continuing Education programs.

3,374

samples analyzed in our Environmental Health Lab.

335

patients treated during 796 visits to our Occupational and Environmental Medicine clinic, specializing in work-related injuries and illnesses and preventing worker disabilities.

75

companies provided on-site safety and health consultation services through our Field Research and Consultation Group, reaching 541 workers.

Data from 2017



RESEARCH

75+

funded research projects and centers examining how environmental and workplace factors affect people's health.

\$20 million

in annual grant and contract awards for research and training.

Our expertise includes:

- Worker health and safety.
- Impact of climate change on health.
- Detection and control of infectious diseases and pathogens.
- The links between human, animal and environmental health.
- Health effects of air, water and noise pollution.
- Chemical and biological exposures.
- Safe food and water.

Our research focuses on vulnerable people and communities most at risk for adverse health outcomes, including children, the elderly, low-income communities and people of color.

Our goal: healthy, sustainable communities

Groundbreaking discoveries: Our faculty and students investigate environmental and workplace factors that affect human health.

Skilled workforce: Our students get hands-on research opportunities and training through lab and field experience.

Community service: We provide evidence-based services to workers and employers, including consultations, patient care and lab analysis.



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