Creating sustainable communities where everyone has access to clean air, clean water, safe food and safe workplaces.

Housed in the UW School of Public Health, we research how environmental exposures and workplace factors affect people’s health. In collaboration with employers, tribes, communities and government agencies in the Pacific Northwest and beyond, we translate our findings into better health with a focus on vulnerable populations.

**Our degrees**

- 278 degrees awarded
  - 136 BS
  - 41 MS Thesis
  - 30 MS Applied
  - 47 MPH
  - 24 PhD

**Our faculty**

- 37 primary faculty
- 103 auxiliary faculty
- 26 emeritus faculty

**Annual financial support**

- $28 million in external funding
- $8.25 million from WA State Medical Aid and Accident funds

**Our students**

- 25% first-generation college students
- 60% Washington state residents
- 8% international students
- 43% BIPOC
- 70% identify as female

2. Fall 2019–Summer 2024
3. BIPOC includes: African American, American Indian/Alaska, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Latino/Hispanic students

3rd in the U.S.
6th in the world for environmental & occupational health programs

5 degrees
- BS in Environmental Public Health
- 4 graduate degrees

13 research centers
- Including:
  - Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
  - Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
  - Center for Disaster Resilient Communities
  - Center for Environmental Health Equity
  - Center for Exposures, Diseases, Genomics and Environment
  - Center for One Health Research
  - Center for Health and the Global Environment

15+ research areas
- Including:
  - Worker health and safety • Indoor air quality • Environmental toxicology
  - Air, water and noise pollution • Health impacts of wildfire smoke, extreme heat and climate change • Pandemic preparedness • Detection and control of infectious diseases and pathogens • Environmental exposures and children’s health • Food systems, safety and policy

1. According to U.S. News & World Report
Who we serve

DEOHS provides the following services across the Northwest to create safer workplaces and fewer on-the-job injuries and fatalities:

- No-cost workplace health and safety consultations by our Field Research and Consultation Group.
- Professional health and safety training with our Continuing Education program.
- Exposure hazard analysis via the Gilbert S. Omenn, MD, PhD, and Martha A. Darling Environmental Health Research Laboratories.
- Clinic-based health services for injured workers at our Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic.
- Improved reproductive and children’s health through consultations by the Northwest Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit.
- Risk assessment of medication and other exposures during pregnancy for healthcare providers by the Teratogen Information System Database.

DEOHS alumni

DEOHS graduates continue in academic research or are employed in the public and private sector, working for employers including:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Washington State Dept. of Labor and Industries
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.
- Public Health – Seattle & King County
- Amazon
- Boeing

Our facilities

23,000+ sq. ft. of lab and support space including capabilities in:

- Molecular toxicology
- Functional genomics
- Microbiology (BSL-2+)
- Tissue culture
- Vivarium
- Mass spectrometry
- Data science

Environmental Health Lab

2,000 samples analyzed
200 service requests

Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic

644 patients seen
3,717 clinic visits
742 referrals

Continuing Education

17,900 health and safety professionals trained

1. Annual averages for 2019–2023