1.3 What are career opportunities in public health? This ECU MPH is a generalist degree, providing entry-level credentials and basic training for management and leadership positions in public health and the health care fields, one of the fastest growing fields of employment in the nation. The principal focus of the MPH at ECU will be on training a workforce for local and state public health agencies, hospitals and other health and human service providers in North Carolina.

Careers in public health have traditionally included physicians, epidemiologists, health education and health promotion specialists, public health directors, public health nurses, disease investigators, and environmental health specialists. Many other careers related to public health are: nutritionists and dietitians; injury control and prevention specialists; infection control specialists; dentists; veterinarians; pharmacists; occupational health and safety specialists; social workers; mental health and substance abuse counselors; gerontologists and aging services specialists; industrial hygienists; genetic counselors; emergency management specialists; health planners; media specialists; hospital administrators; long term care facility administrators; disease registrars; and, researchers in many other health disciplines. People in each of these careers may have a MPH degree. Sources that describe public health are provided:

1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdcfoundation.org/content/what-public-health
2) Association for Schools and Programs in Public Health: https://thisispublichealth.org/; http://www.aspph.org/discover/