

Examples of Public Health/Preventive Medicine Careers

Setting	Activities	Examples of Entry-level and Higher Positions and
Local or County Health Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer overall public health program and help set policy for public health Investigate disease outbreaks Administer surveillance and prevention programs Treat patients in public health clinics (e.g. STI clinics, prison health centers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Director Epidemiologist Commissioner
State Health Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some activities similar to those for county departments if the state is small Help develop public health policy and legislation Provide statewide leadership for major prevention programs Supervise and perform epidemiologic research relevant to public health problems Administer regulatory programs and medical assistance program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Epidemiologist Bureau Chief Division Director
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative epidemiologic research to define public health problems and identify effective programs Outbreak investigations International consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIS Officer Program Director Division Director
Federal Government (NIH, FDA, others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve as epidemiologist for specific institutes Supervise and evaluate research programs that receive federal funds Advise regulatory bodies on medical and epidemiologic issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIH Epidemiology Fellowship NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct international prevention programs Perform epidemiologic research in other countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHO Training Level Positions
Academics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical School Departments Schools of Public Health Departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach epidemiology and clinical preventive medicine Serve as epidemiologic research consultant to other faculty Perform epidemiologic research involving both patients and the community Develop and administer clinical prevention programs for primary care clinics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board certification in a primary care discipline in addition to MPH degree desirable for many academic positions
Health Care Delivery Organizations (CHC's, HMO's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer surveillance and clinical prevention programs Design and implement research on access, quality of care, effectiveness of diagnostic tests Practice clinical preventive medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Director Program Director
Private Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention oriented patient care focused on screening, counseling, behavior change 	Integrative Medicine practices

