

# Public Health Associate Program

## Become an Associate

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The Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) is a two-year training and service program that provides hands-on experience in public health. Explore these pages to learn how to apply, discover the benefits of joining PHAP, find answers to frequently asked questions, and read a about a typical day in the life of an associate! PHAP seeks candidates who have an interest in public health and can demonstrate academic achievement, and the capacity to be flexible, work well as part of a team, and be socially and culturally inclusive when working with others.

Applicants should have a keen interest in public health service careers and in developing strong public health program and operations skills. They also must 1) have completed at minimum a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university within the previous two years or 2) complete a four-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree by July 1 of the year the candidate anticipates starting in PHAP. (Candidates who are still completing their degree must provide school enrollment verification that confirms their degree completion date. Veterans who are precluded by military service during their two-year window will have up to six years to apply.)

Applicants must also—

- Be US citizens, permanent residents, or US nationals
- Submit official academic transcripts by the deadline
- Be willing to commit to full-time work for two years
- Be willing to relocate anywhere in the United States and US territories at their own expense
- Be willing to work in a state, tribal, local, or territorial public health department, nongovernmental organization (community-based organization, public health institute or association, or academic institution), or CDC quarantine station

## What Are the Benefits of Joining PHAP?

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Benefits of becoming a public health associate include—

- Recognition as an employee of CDC, the nation's leading public health agency
- Salary, paid sick and vacation leave, health insurance, and access to a variety of support services and resources
- Unique field assignment that provides diverse public health experiences and the opportunity to demonstrate competencies in a wide variety of public health service activities
- Valuable career skill development and on-the-job training to become well-rounded public health professionals
- Mentoring from a CDC professional who provides guidance and networking opportunities to help further your career
- Opportunities to work with world experts and access some of the best resources in public health
- A chance to make substantial contributions to public health

[https://www.cdc.gov/phap/become\\_associate/opportunity.html](https://www.cdc.gov/phap/become_associate/opportunity.html)