

Chat with UM SPH Career Services
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<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Welcome pstadler!
<pstadler> thank you
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> So what department are you admitted to?
<pstadler> mph health management and policy
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Welcome dfriedheim
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Pstadler: good field to get into!
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Welcome everyone!
<pstadler> with the mph health management and policy degree, what sort of intern work can i expect to do?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> pstadler: either in health administration, consulting, health insurance companies, policy/gov, or non-profits, depending on your interestes.
<ENS> When do I start looking for my summer internship?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> ENS: Most start first think in January but some start even earlier! Even if you do the research first semester it saves time when you start
<jchen> How much support does career services give in helping students find the internships they want?
<danwolff> I am thinking about a double Masters in IOE and HMP . . . what are job prospects and salary potential with this combo?
<Russ> W'sup dave M!
<Monica> How successful have holders of an MPH in general epidemiology been in gaining employment in industry (biotech or pharmaceutical) settings? (I already have a Ph.D. in genetics)
<jchen> Such as, do you have a previous internship file with evaluations of experiences of past internships?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Typically internships fall mainly with the department but I also post internship experiences on a jobsite I maintain.
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> danwolff: I am not sure about IOE but certainly that would make you more marketable. Let me send you a link to the salaries
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> This link will provide you with more information (click on it)
http://www.sph.umich.edu/career_networking/students/survey.html
<Neil> Hi Shelagh, can you tell me more about the career opportunities graduates from HMP find in healthcare consulting? I'm interested in learning more about the ease or difficulty of finding a healthcare consulting job? Where are these jobs typically held and what are the starting salaries typically around?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: Typically only about 14% go into that sector.
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> jchen: some departments do maintain files but it varies by department
<jchen> Does the HMP department hold such files?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Neil: most of our HMP students opt for consulting (its a demanding but lucrative field). We have nearly a quarter of HMP students going that route and the salary average is \$80,000
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> jchen: yes HMP Does! They have it on coursetools.

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Let me know if I haven't responded to any questions - I may have lost the thread

<Monica> Hi again. Could you tell me what the average starting salary is among the 14% who do go into industry? Thanks.

<kelli23> Hi, i was accepted into the HBHE program what type of jobs can I expect with a degree like this?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: It looks like just over \$60,000 entry level. But with your PhD and experience I think in your case it would be more!

<pstadler> is there a certain location in the country that tends to offer more jobs for SPH HMP grads than others

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Kelli23: Wow! This is a diverse field. The most common job titles I see are Project Coordinator/Program Manager type titles. But it really depends on your specific interests on the opportunities

<wrigh266> Hi, I was also accepted to the HBHE program, and I was wondering what type of role the specializations play in finding a job and the marketability of that degree?

<Monica> Yet another question: Is there a decent network through the SPH for industry work in Southern California?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Pstadler: Most stay in the Midwest (esp. Chicago) but 17% go to Mid Atlantic states

<kelli23> Hi, i was accepted into the HBHE program what type of jobs can I expect with a degree like this?

<kelli23> ok thanks

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: I would have to make a guess here but I believe there is. We have an alumni relations manager that could pull numbers for you. It seems like we have a lot of alums in S. Cal locations though

<Monica> Great, thanks for that info.

<danwolff> Would any of the MHSA classes count towards an MBA if I decided to go the Business School route later on?

<Monica> Are there industry-based internships available for epi students?

<rebew63> Tell me where the majority of Exec MHSA students land upon degree completion?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> wrigh266: Specializations and focus make you more marketable. Sure you can still get a job in general areas too but employers do like to see focus.

<myu> Hi, are summer internships typically paid? Also, have any HMP grads ever taken a job as a congressional staffer?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: It seems only a few have occasionally gone that route for internships

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> danwolf: I believe so but check with the HMP department since they work with students who do just what you are proposing

<dminer> I believe there is some flexibility in coursework for second-year MHSA students. If I'm going into hospital administration, are there key courses I should take in order to improve my portfolio?

<pstadler> what are some non-curriculum related experiences that you would recommend getting involved in to optimize the marketability of the degree upon graduation?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> rebew63: majority go into hospital admin, then consulting and then non-profit org

<kelli23> internationally what is the demand like if I get a degree in HBHE

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Most internships are paid. I don't know if HMP grads have taken a jobs but probably know how

<jvjr2007> What could you do with a MHSA degree within a Non-Profit Organization?

<Russ> Hey Dave, you getting all this?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> dminer: There is some flexibility but I would check with the department to see what their recommendations would be. Off hand I would say finance/accounting and health systems

<Monica> Where do the majority of general epi MPH grads go after their degree (i.e. which sector)?

<Jerrel> What opportunities are available for a person getting a MPH in Human Nutrition

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Pstadler: Any work, internship or even professional membership activities are good to have

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> kelli23: international field is a tough field to get into. We have a handful each year go that route and some wait to get more work experience to make them more marketable

<ripa> hi, i am admitted to epidemiology department for fall 2008. I wanted to know the career options in clinical epidemiology after doing MPH program in General epidemiology.

<danwolff> how can I find out more about job prospects for the IOE-HMP dual masters?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> jvjr2007: Non-profits is a large field. This could include some health insurances as well as major associations like American Lung Association. They typically pay very well. It is more administrative/finance type positions

<Jerrel> Besides being a RD what other career options do graduates in Nutrition follow??

<jvjr2007> Could a Non-Profit also include some sort of association that advocated and helps finance those that are uninsured?

<Ben> how do the international jobs work? Do you have to live overseas permanently, or can you still live in the U.S.?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: Most Epi students go into gov. at the federal/state/local levels. Some in industry and some in hospital

<Monica> I'm also interested in Ripa's question.

<Robin> I'm also interested in Ben's question

<wrigh266> I am interested in Maternal and Child health, would a degree in HBHE with a focus on Gender and Health be limiting? would it be better to get an MPH in HMP?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> danwolff: I think we have had one or two students who went your route but I don't have any stats on hand. This may take a little more research or check with the department for an overall sense. As I recall that dual tends to do very well

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: only a handful go that route for pharma or hospital work.

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Jerrel: Some nutritionist who do not go the RD route may be involved in nutrition policy, research, health education...

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> jvjr: Yes! I can't think of the names of these off the top of my head but I have seen non profits that do work on issues with the uninsured

<Jerrel> Is a nutritionist goes into the policy route is a good idea to make double up with HMP?

<Jerrel> IF*

<Monica> Do you know if any general epi students have done internships in the area of immunizations/vaccines?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ben: a little of both. Some are 100% overseas and some are domestic based with anywhere from 10-40% travel

<jvjr2007> Perfect Shelagh...I want to use my future MHS degree in some way that will help with those uninsured -- are there a lot of these kind of positions out there? By the way, I want to thank you for taking the time to do this for us, I am sure it is making your head spin, but is much appreciated!!

<ptadler> what is the best route to take towards becoming a highly regarded candidate for a fellowship?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> wrigh266: I typically see students in maternal and child health from the HBHE dept. It seems like there are plenty of courses on this topic so I believe it is a strong area in HBHE. HMP may have some course that you could take too though

<ripa> What includes industrial jobs in epidemiology? What kind of organisations take epidemiologists in? Also, how are the prospects of annual income?

<akattan> How difficult is it for an HMP student/graduate to find a summer internship, and upon graduation, a permanent job in California in either the consulting, hospital administration or non-profit sectors?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Jerrel: It could be! You could still stay a nutrition student but take extra courses in policy - it all depends on how you "sell yourself" on the resume

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: Definitely! I don't have a list with me on previous internships but I have talked with students who did just this for their internship

<Jerrel> What career within in nutrition is most lucrative? I know these things tend to vary? But are there opportunities as well for a nutritionist to work internationally?

<Monica> Great, thanks. I also am again interested in Ripa's questions.

<Jerrel> I am very much interested in being able to study abroad with in the Nutrition program

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> jvjr: yes jobs are out there (usually with non-profits) they don't pay a ton financially but they can be very fulfilling

<Tara> I want to focus my studies on maternal and child nutrition - and have been admitted to the EHS nutrition program as well as HBHE. What program would provide me with the best foundation for work, both internationally or domestically, in this field?

<ripa> Shelagh, why can't i see full sentences?

<danwolff> What do HMP 1st year summer internships typically pay per hour?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> ptadler: for a fellowship they like to see leadership and a solid career goal/focus

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> ripa: mostly consulting and pharma are the industries I see them go into. Income typically is in th \$60,000 entry level

<ripa> I am sorry Shelagh I cant read all the sentences. Could you please break that up for us? Thanks

<jvjr2007> For a person entering hospital administration that wants to stay in the state of Michigan, what are the job prospects like and what is the entry-level pay like?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> akattan: HMP has summer internship placement guaranteed for US citizens. they have some great networks in S. Cal and usually students go to hospitals

or Kaiser. Since there is a 100% job placement rating for that department I think chances are good!

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Jerrel: Hmm...most lucrative may be working as a RD in a hospital. International work is definitely an option but that is not lucrative necessarily
<wrih266> What is the job placement rating for the HBHE department?

<Monica> For the bulk of the gen epi MPH students who go to govt., what are the typical starting salaries?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: did I answer your question? Sorry I feel like I may be missing a couple questions so let me know if I do!

<RMolesworth> Hi Shelagh, how do you deal differently with students who are fresh out of school and starting to pursue the job market vs. those in the executive programs who have already had careers in healthcare. Do you see director/VP level jobs and are you able to aid students in this area?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Tara: HBHE is certainly focused on this area but nutrition plays a strong role as well. You could do both or one with extra classes in nutrition coursework

<Jerrel> Well I know international career in nutrition is not lucrative but it is not all about the money...i really enjoy international work. thanks!

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> danwolf: I don't have the stats on that but I want so "guesstimate" anywhere between \$12-16 per hour

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: sorry! I'll try and write shorter.

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> EVERYONE: my email is sph.jobs@umich.edu too if you want more info or to continue conversations as well. ;)

<pstadler> thank you Shelagh.

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> jvjr: for staying in Michigan and doing a hospital fellowship entry level average is \$45,000-\$50,000 range

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> jvjr: job prospects good but Michigan economy had taken a hit lately. Doesn't seem to effect hospital admin work though

<Russ> I would like to know where everybody is living when they move to Ann Arbor. Where are the best places to live?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> RMolesworth: I have some active alums and faculty who are very helpful passing on job openings for the experienced/higher level jobs. I've worked with both levels

<Daryl_OAA> Russ - here are some links:

www.housing.umich.edu/

www.offcampus.housing.umich.edu/lt/index.cfm

www.rent.com,

<Monica> If we earn credits as we do the internship, is tuition charged for the experience?

<Russ> Ya I've seen all those but where are SPH students actually living?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: sorry about that. We will also post the full transcript of this on the Admitted student website so that might help with the answer and I'll try to go back and repeat what I wrote earlier too

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: if you do an internship you get a credit reduction meaning that you don't have to pay for the internship but you don't have to take as many classes

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Russ: it seems like a ton live on Maiden Lane from the resumes I've reviewed. There are a couple apt. complexes on that street and it is close to SPH
<Daryl_OAA> Russ - Island Drive apartments are close as well as University Towers off South University.

<Russ> Thanks

<RMolesworth> Thanks Shelagh. I seen other universities not real invested in that area as most students were just finishing school for the first time.

<ripa10> How are research assistantships provided in SPH? When does a student become eligible for that. Apart from that what jobs are available to a student on campus. Does an international student get the same opprtunities?

<Jerrel> Interested in Ripa's first 2 questions

<ripa10> i am ripa, still there as ripa10 had to use a new name

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: Research Assistants are usually hired through your connections to faculty. Rarely do they get posted. You are eligible as soon as you get here. Research assistantships are also posted on the Rackham website

<Jerrel> what is the availability of internships for Nutrition students?

<ripa10> thanks

<Jerrel> oh ok

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: going back to your early question about clinical jobs - what specifically did you want to know?

<Jerrel> what about graduate assistants...same as research assistants?

<Monica> ripa; I'd be happy to send you Shelah's answers but I can't access your email address.

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Jerrel: Nutrition students have done internships and I've never heard of one not getting one. Usually the EHS department is very helpful with connections and providing ideas for internship placements

<Monica> Do research assistantships come with tuition waivers?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Jerrel: yup same answer

<Jerrel> oh ok! thanks!

<Daryl_OAA> ALL - text of this chat will be posted at the Admitted Students page.

<Robin> This may be a little off topic, but has anyone looked into a facebook group for students starting in Fall 08 to meet online and network? This may be a good way to arrange housing and answer questions as well

<ripa10> I wanted to know what kind of industries take in epidemiologists in general i.e. apart from federal state and local agencies. And what is the annual income like, as an epidemiologist in these industries?

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: the ones through Rackham do. These are called GSRA - Graduate Student Research Assistantships

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Robin: good idea! I think the school is going to start a facebook page officially but students have created their own groups in the past

<Jerrel> agree Robin!

<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: yes pharma and consulting primarily. Typically salary is entry level average is \$60,000

<Monica> Is starting salary typically much less for epi MPH's that go to govt?

<Daryl_OAA> Five minutes remaining. Text will be posted, afterwards, here: - <http://www.sph.umich.edu/students/admitted/>

<Jerrel> If we email Shelagh...is that the name we should use to address you?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: fed gov pays better than state and local agencies but it pays less than private industries and consulting
<Monica> How are the SPH's alumni connections to consulting?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Jerrel: Yes it's Shelagh (pronounced like Sheila in case you were wondering) ;)
<Jerrel> ok thanks!
<ripa10> Ok thanks a lot. Also, what are the prospects of getting into international health organisations such as WHO after doing MPH in general epidemiology
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Monica: for HMP very good. For EPID - we have some but I am not sure just how extensive. I'd have to check it out
<Jerrel> Yes how are the alumni connections in general
<Jerrel> do you all have a career day? or alumni day?
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> Ripa: WH is taught to do but every year we might have on or tow
<Monica> Shelagh, thanks for your patience with my endless questions. I really appreciate it!
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> We have 13,000 alums
<Jerrel> yes thank you!
<Jerrel> wow!
<Jerrel> good numbers!
<Daryl_OAA> Thank you all for participating!
<ripa10> ok, Thanks a lot. I would like to know what kind of profiles do they look for?
<Jerrel> thank you!
<jchen> thanks for answering our questions
<Jerrel> thanks for the invite
<ripa10> I agree Monical
<Neil> thank you for all of your help shelagh!
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> We have panels and events throughout the school year that brings in alums and orgs.
<Daryl_OAA> Thank you, Shelagh!
<ripa10> Sheilagh thanks for the nice job!
<Shelagh_SPHCareers> email if you have more questions! sph.jobs@umich.edu
<jennyjayne> s there a way to get a copy of the transcript?
<Daryl_OAA> jennyjayne - it will be posted at the Admitted Students page: - <http://www.sph.umich.edu/students/admitted/>
<jennyjayne> ok great, thanks!