

PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

General Professional Associations

- [American Public Health Association \(APHA\)](#) is the 150-year old national public health association in the United States that brings together members from all fields of public health. APHA is responsible for providing professional resources and for bringing attention to public health issues and policies backed by science. [Membership categories](#) are available for advanced and early-career professionals, and students. [APHA's Annual Meeting and Expo](#) is the largest annual gathering of public health professionals. More than 12,000 people attend, with thousands of new abstracts presented each year.
- [Texas Public Health Association \(TPHA\)](#) is a Texas-based, non-profit association of public health professionals dedicated to public health. TPHA is an affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA). TPHA sponsors and co-sponsors a number of [conferences and events](#), the largest being the TPHA Annual Education Conference. A variety of [membership types](#) are available including student membership at reduced prices.
- [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials \(ASTHO\)](#) represents public health agencies in the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia, and over 100,000 public health professionals. As a national nonprofit organization, ASTHO tracks, evaluates, and advises members on the impact and formation of public or private health policy and provides them with guidance and technical assistance on improving the nation's health. ASTHO has resources on a wide variety of [public health programs](#) and [research on specific topic areas](#).
- [U.S. Public Health Service \(USPHS\) Commissioned Corps](#) provides valuable [student opportunities and training](#) through their externships as well as collaborations with other agencies.
- [Harris County Public Health \(HCPH\)](#) has year-round [student volunteer activities and internship placements](#). Comprised of eight primary public health offices, HCPH is a valuable resource for students looking for hands-on experience in public health activities across Harris County.

Program-Specific Professional Associations

- [American Statistical Association \(ASA\)](#) is the world's largest community of statisticians. [Students](#) have access to discounted membership that provides them with connections to the broader statistical community, access to ASA journals and magazines, and a host of career opportunities through the ASA JobWeb and JSM Career Service.
- [Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists \(CSTE\)](#) is the professional association for epidemiologists. CSTE establishes effective relationships among state and other health agencies, and provides technical advice and assistance to partner organizations and to federal public health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CSTE has workforce development activities as well as job postings and fellowships. [Student membership](#) is available for access to these resources.

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Program-Specific Professional Associations (continued)

- [National Environmental Health Association \(NEHA\)](#) advances environmental health and protection and provides professional resources for the purpose of providing a healthful environment for all. [Students and emerging professionals](#) can become members, find internships and scholarships to build their resume and participate in the NEHA Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition. The NEHA AEC & Exhibition is an excellent opportunity for students and young professionals to interact with experts in the field, learn more about possible career paths, and make valuable connections.
- [American College of Healthcare Executives \(ACHE\)](#) is an international professional society of 48,000 healthcare executives working in hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHA has chapters across the U.S. with a job center, career resources and student membership.
- [Health Resources & Services Administration](#) has a [Public Health Student Intern Program](#) that provides students with the opportunity for a rotation within one of HRSA's Bureaus or Offices. Students will be able to engage with HRSA's public health experts in one of a wide-range of disciplines including Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Maternal and Child Health, Healthcare Systems, and Program Analysis and Evaluation.
- [Society for Public Health Education \(SOPHE\)](#) is the national nonprofit, independent professional association of nearly 4,000 health education professionals and students in the United States and 25 international countries. The [Texas Society for Public Health Education \(TSOPHE\)](#) represents students and public health professionals in Texas in various settings (academic institutions, community-based organizations, health care settings, schools, businesses, and local and state agencies). TSOPHE supports professional development in order to advance health outcomes. [Membership in TSOPHE](#) serves as an opportunity to be engaged in local efforts to advocate for the profession and professional development.