

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE

Program Description

Public Health Science is a critical field in today's complex and evolving world of health and healthcare. Global pandemics have altered the way in which we view the critical balance of wellness and illness. The courses in this program provide students with the skills to think critically and solve problems with regard to major concepts in community health and personal wellness. The degree focuses on providing job-based skills and an introduction to the disciplines within the Public Health field.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Community Health Workers (A, B, M)	\$52,168	1,190
Epidemiologist (B, M, D)	\$99,220	124
Health Educator Specialist (A, B)	\$71,963	1,146

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)

Transfer Preparation

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

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Degrees/Certificates

Note: The Public Health Science, A.S.-T is being revised but is expected to be reinstated in Spring 2026.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of lifestyle behaviors on human health and wellness.
- Evaluate dietary and exercise patterns.
- Communicate effectively how lifestyle behaviors affect various disease states.
- Develop a plan to meet personal health and wellness goals.

Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.