Founded in 2014, the mission of the Oklahoma State University Master of Public Health (MPH) program is to improve the health and wellbeing of rural communities and underserved populations through interdisciplinary education, research, service, and outreach. To accomplish this, the program aims to develop leaders and professionals skilled in applying an ecological perspective to implement prevention programs and promote individual and community health.

The need for public health professionals in both urban and rural areas in Oklahoma and throughout America remains high. By 2020, the Association of Schools of Public Health estimates that the country will need an additional 250,000 public health workers. Join us. Become an agent of change within your community. Apply today to begin the process of reaching your goals.

Students are encouraged to identify a rural community or undeserved population as the focus of class projects. In doing so, students will have the opportunity to assess the needs of that community or population, and to thoughtfully create programs for preventing disease within that community or population. Prevention efforts often include a focus on lifestyle and health behaviors. Current students study health behaviors and health outcome areas that include: the use of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, mental health, disabilities, zoonotic diseases, nutrition and food security, obesity, and physical activity.