



FAST FACTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health



Departments: 4

(3 in Tucson; 1 multidisciplinary division in Phoenix)

Centers: 4 College Centers;
7 Research-funded Centers

Degrees Offered:

MPH, Online MPH, MS, PhD,
DrPH, BS in Public Health,
Online BS in Public Health

2016/2017 Graduate and Undergraduate Students:

59 PhD students
45 Dr.PH students
13 MS students
243 MPH students
217 Online MPH students
1,432 BS students
55 Online BS students

Research Funding:

Annual Average
\$15 million

Graduate Program

Alumni: 1,707

Undergraduate Program

Alumni: 1,303



Iman Hakim, MD, PhD, MPH
Dean

- In 1993, the Arizona Board of Regents approved the establishment of the Arizona Graduate Program in Public Health (MPH).
- In 1997, Mel and Enid Zuckerman committed to donate \$10 million over 10 years – the largest gift in UA history at that time – which helped pave the way to the establishment of the College of Public Health.
- As a result of Dr. James Dalen’s vision (then serving as the vice president for health sciences), the Arizona Board of Regents in January 2000 voted to establish the College of Public Health at the University of Arizona.
- In 2002, Mel and Enid Zuckerman were honored for their financial support to the College and their commitment to the University of Arizona by naming the college the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.
- The Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention and Health Promotion was established as a CDC research center from 2004 to 2010. Today, researchers at the center continue to conduct high quality lifestyle-based prevention research and supports community-based wellness efforts aimed at improving health and reducing disease risk with the goal to make Tucson a national leader for health and wellness.
- In January 2006, the college began holding classes in its new home, Roy P. Drachman Hall.
- In 2009, the **Global Health Institute** (GHI) was established to catalyze global health activity at the University of Arizona through domestic and international collaboration aimed at education, collaborative research, training and public health outreach.
- In August 2010, the college expanded public health academics in Phoenix.
- In 2010, the Arizona Public Health Training Center was established to provide training to the public health workforce in the state. It was refunded and expanded with a \$4.8 million HRSA funded grant to become the **Western Region Public Health Training Center** and it had more than 43,000 registrations for training courses in 2016-17.
- In 2012, the **Environment, Exposure Science and Risk Assessment Center** (ESRAC) was established to provide expertise to industry, the community, and researchers in the areas of human exposure science and risk assessment of chemical, biological and physical hazards to workers and communities
- In 2016, the Zuckerman College of Public Health – Phoenix campus partnered with the Mexico Border Health Commission to establish the Primary Prevention Mobile Unit program bringing free health screening services to underserved residents in Maricopa County.

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Research Concentrations:

- Health Promotion
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Control (Diabetes, Obesity, Physical Activity, Cardiovascular, and Asthma)
- Environmental and Occupational Health
- Cancer Prevention and Control
- Family & Child Health
- Public Health Policy & Management
- Global Health
- Rural and Border Health
- Health Services Research
- Public Health Preparedness
- Epidemiology | Infectious diseases | One Health
- Biostatistics

Mission:

The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is dedicated to promoting the health of individuals and communities in the southwest and globally with an emphasis on achieving health equity through excellence in education, research and service.

Vision:

Local Impact. National Influence. Global Reach.

- In 2016, the Zuckerman College of Public Health and Northern Arizona University received a \$5 million five-year grant to establish the **Center for Indigenous Environmental Health Research** to address pollution and other environmental factors that contribute to health disparities among indigenous communities.
- In 2017, the college expanded the Primary Prevention Mobile Unit program in Phoenix to provide free health screening services to underserved residents in Pima County.
- In 2017, the college established the MPH in “One Health” concentration. The MPH in One Health will train students in the theory and application of utilizing One Health approaches to address complex public health challenges.
- In 2018, the college received a \$2.98 million, five-year grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to determine if a community health worker intervention can reduce exposures to hazardous chemicals in the workplace.
- In 2018, the Center for Rural Health received \$2.2 million Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant to collaborate with the Arizona Department of Health Services to train first responders to administer naloxone, a drug used to counter the effects of opioid overdose and save lives.
- In 2018, the Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and the Lowell Institute for Mineral Resources received a \$1.6 million federal grant to develop more effective training methods using serious computer games to improve safety among U.S. mine workers.
- Of the students admitted to our academic programs at the College of Public Health, 32% are from U.S. underrepresented minority groups (45% white; 27% Hispanics; 6% African Americans; 4% Native Americans; 10% Asian Americans; 4% International; 4% other). The college is home to 20% of the University of Arizona’s Peace Corps Fellows. Graduate program alumni number 1,707 and are employed in 22 countries and 44 U.S. states.
- The Zuckerman College of Public Health was the first nationally accredited college of public health in the Southwest. Today, the college remains the only accredited college of public health in the state of Arizona.
- Total research funding for the college averages more than \$15 million annually.
- The college is organized into three departments and one multidisciplinary division in Phoenix.
- The college is home to 4 college centers and 7 research-funded centers:
College Centers: Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention and Health Promotion; Center for Rural Health; The Environmental, Exposure Science and Risk Assessment Center; and the Global Health Institute.
Research-funded Centers: Arizona Prevention Research Center; Arizona Smokers’ Helpline (ASHLine); Center for American Indian Resilience; Mountain West Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center; Western Mining Safety and Health Training Resource Center; Center for Indigenous Environmental Health Research; and Western Region Public Health Training Center.

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