



Public Health Research Consortium – PHRC

Housed within the Masters of Public Health Program under the School of Allied Health and Life Sciences (SAHLS) at the University of West Florida, PHRC serves as a local resource for research on population based health problems of regional, state and national significance. The membership of PHRC is drawn from UWF and the public health and health care communities to foster collaborative approaches for addressing issues that affect our region.

All of the students within the UWF MPH and Community Health programs are required to complete an internship that involves original research in public health. These students will serve as a valuable human resource for projects in which the PHRC is engaged. In addition, these research projects provide invaluable experiences for our public health/community health/nursing/pre-professional/clinical lab sciences/psychology students, engaging them in practice within the field. Moreover, a large pool of students in the Public Health track within the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences is available to participate in research projects.

PHRC is currently collaborating on several projects with regional public health personnel and the military. PHRC personnel are available for consultation and collaboration in granting opportunities and regional research projects. The Consortium's work is guided by the Healthy People 2020 framework and includes research projects focusing on:

- chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, obesity and cancers
- infectious diseases
- health services utilization
- social determinants of health and health seeking behavior
- public health and disaster preparedness and mitigation
- environmental health

- community engagement and mobilization
- psychosocial determinants of health including individual and community resilience factors

Our goal is to work toward eliminating health disparities and improve the quality of life of citizens in the Florida Panhandle.

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