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- **Public health academic** ^[1]

Public health academics influence and guide policy-makers in tackling public health challenges, professional practice and research.

Training and qualifications required

Qualification requirements will vary depending on the level of the role. To obtain a first lecturing position, you would require a postgraduate qualification, or equivalent, in public health or a related subject, together with some experience of working in the field of public health, preferably with evidence of having published your work previously

Expected working hours and salary range

Working hours can be long, but are often flexible, so that staff may choose the timing of their teaching sessions and manage their own research and administration. You may also need to be available for some evening and weekend work (for example, for tutorials and seminars, conferences and events).

Desirable skills and values

You'll have an interest in public health and enjoy research and teaching.

Prospects

Although there are exceptions, the standard progression route is generally from researcher to lecturer, senior lecturer (or reader), to professor. Some universities in the UK have also adopted the title 'associate professor' for lecturer, and 'full professor' for professor.

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