The Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) places recent college graduates and early-career professionals in a variety of public health settings.

Associates fulfill two-year assignments at host sites across the country, such as public health departments, non-profits, and academic institutions. Alongside their placements, associates complete a comprehensive CDC training program, and receive additional mentorship and support from experienced CDC staff.

Associates work on issues such as:

- Chronic disease prevention
- Environmental health
- Global migration and quarantine
- Immunization
- Injury and violence prevention
- Maternal and child health
- Public health preparedness
- STD, TB, HIV, and other disease prevention

PHAP offers hands-on experience that can serve as the foundation for a career in public health. Graduates are qualified to apply for positions at CDC and other public health organizations.

Since its beginning in 2007, PHAP has placed more than 1,300 public health associates in public health agencies and nongovernmental organizations across 44 states, the District of Columbia, and the US territories, with 56% continuing to serve in public health roles after they complete the program.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/phap, or contact program staff at phap@cdc.gov or 404.498.0030.