

Professional Organizations

- **American Public Health Association**

<https://www.apha.org/membership/student-membership>

The American Public Health Association is a national organization that supports public health professionals by promoting advancing public health policies, and providing education. The student membership allows students enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester to join a nationwide public health network with benefits including access to the Student Assembly, CareerMart job resources, leadership opportunities, and discounted registration for the APHA Annual Meeting.



- **Society for Public Health Education**

<https://www.sophe.org/membership/join-sophe/student-membership-health-education/>

The Society for Public Health Education is an organization focused on promoting healthy communities through development and educational resources. They have a student membership open to currently enrolled students and includes access to the Collegiate Champions program, CHES exam preparation resources, conferences, and continuing education.



- **New York State Public Health**

<https://www.nyspha.org/join-now>

The New York State Public Health Association is an organization dedicated to improving public health policies across New York. College and university membership options are available for students. NYSPHA serves as an affiliate of the American Public Health Association focused on New York State public health practice, and students outside the NYC/NYS area can seek advisement from their Program Director regarding similar organizations in their home state.



- **National Commission for Health Education Credentialing**

<https://www.nchec.org/ches-exam>

The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing administers the CHES certification program and supports professional standards in health education through credentialing. Students exploring the CHES exam eligibility through a bachelor's degree with at least 25 semester hours in the Eight Areas of Responsibility are required to sit in for the exam. This is also useful for transfer students already holding a bachelor's degree in another field who desire a health degree.

