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Specialized support for a successful transition from student to professional
Let us help you launch your public health career.

As public health’s newest practitioners we want to make sure you — Early-Career Professionals — have all the resources you need to succeed. After all, your success is pivotal to our nation’s future health and prosperity. That’s why we’ve created a special membership category, with special benefits, just for you.

In addition to the perks of regular APHA membership, Early-Career Professionals also get exclusive access to webinars on topics such as how to negotiate salary or publish your work and our Leadership Institute webinars, which cover topics such as sustaining positive change and building public health partnerships. You’ll also get special access to career resources and a discount on APHA publications. But just as valuable, you’ll be joining a global community of public health professionals who are also working to prevent disease and injury and create communities in which all people have the opportunity to live long, healthy lives.

The future of public health will be filled with exciting advances, complex challenges and significant health threats. That’s why at APHA, we strive every day to help our members prepare to meet that future with the skills and knowledge to continue protecting and improving people’s health.

“APHA provides so many networking opportunities, and as an Early-Career Professional, I find these opportunities to be so much more valuable than when I was a student. The APHA leadership and the people I meet at the APHA Annual Meeting and Expo rejuvenate me and help me know that I’m doing the right thing in my career. Thanks to APHA, I have had numerous opportunities to collaborate with people across the nation. And in a time when public health seems to be an afterthought, these connections are what keep me going.”

Stephanie Stokes, MPH
APHA Early-Career Professional member
We’re invested in helping our members stay on the cutting edge of public health science, practice and innovation. For Early-Career Professionals, in particular, membership in APHA is a commitment to lifelong learning and one of the best (and most affordable) investments you can make toward your success in the field.

**Think of APHA** — its resources, publications and events, as well as its network of tens of thousands of members — as a trusted guide as you begin to find your place and make your mark in the public health profession. We want to be your public health home, the place where you find connection, inspiration, mentorship and motivation throughout your career.

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Together, we really can make a difference.

**WHY JOIN APHA AS AN EARLY-CAREER PROFESSIONAL?**

On top of all the regular benefits of APHA membership, you’ll get a variety of extra benefits specifically tailored to your needs as an Early-Career Professional. Among the regular benefits are:

- access to the nation’s leading peer-reviewed public health journal, the American Journal of Public Health, as well as our award-winning newspaper, The Nation’s Health;
- discounted registration to the world’s largest gathering of public health professionals, the APHA Annual Meeting and Expo;
- the chance to present your research at the APHA Annual Meeting and reach thousands of peers;
- membership in two of dozens of APHA Sections, where you can network and collaborate with fellow public health professionals from around the nation and world;
- a discount on APHA Press publications; and
- discounts on continuing education and certification opportunities.

**As an Early-Career Professional, you’ll also receive:**

- exclusive bi-monthly webinars on topics particularly relevant to new professionals, such as tips for getting published, how to negotiate your salary, best job-searching techniques, leadership development, stress management, making the most out of an internship or fellowship, and personal branding.
- career resources via the Early-Career Professional listserv at APHA Connect, our online community of public health professionals; and
- Leadership Institute webinars on topics such as communicating with the public, building effective public health partnerships, transformation through systems-thinking, and creating and sustaining positive change.

**Who’s eligible?** For two years following graduation from a school or program of public health, you’re eligible to join APHA as an Early-Career Professional. After you join, you can remain in the Early-Career Professional membership category for up to three years.

When it comes to joining a professional association, you have many choices. But none represent the great diversity of public health practice quite like APHA. We hope you’ll join us on the journey toward a healthier nation. Together, we really can make a difference. Join us today!

Learn more about joining APHA and the benefits of membership at www.apha.org/membership/early-career-professionals or call 202-777-2400.
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