

Mission

Enable Total Force readiness through promoting population-focused health, mitigating disease and injury, assuring Force Health Protection, informing policy, and responding to emerging health threats.

Vision

Army Public Health Nursing is the premier globally agile public health force that protects, sustains, and enhances Total Force readiness through evidence-based public health services.

What is Public Health Nursing?

Public health nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences.

Public health nursing is population-focused with the goals of promoting health and prevention of disease and disability for all people through the creation of conditions in which people can be healthy. (American Public Health Association, 1996)

APHN Focus

The primary focus of public health nursing is to promote health and prevent disease for entire population groups. Training prepares our nurses to be able to implement efforts in:

- Force health protection and readiness
- Health promotion and primary prevention
- Population assessment and epidemiology
- Data-based program and policy development
- Program management and evaluation
- Stakeholder engagement and intervention sustainability

Public Health is our Mission



How do I become a 66B/Army Public Health Nurse?

- Talk with the local Installation Public Health Chief, Army Public Health Nurse.
- Discuss your interest in specializing as a 66B with your supervisor.
- Submit your packet to attend the next 6A-F5 Course (held twice a year in the Spring and Fall).
- Complete the course. Enroll into the 66B Mentorship Program.

Installation Army Public Health Nursing

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Army Public Health Nursing

APHN

Supporting Soldier Readiness and Improving the Health of Our Community



APHN Scope of Practice

- Under the core functions of public health, assesses health conditions and potential threats, develops policies to protect and preserve health, and assures the health and safety of the community.
- Advises command on issues of medical readiness, and health threats and conditions of military importance to promote, protect, optimize, and preserve the health of the Total Force.
- Recommends countermeasures and strategies to prevent, control, and minimize non-battle injuries and diseases in support of Force Health Protection in both garrison and deployed environments.
- Operates within the 10 Essential Public Health Services guidelines at the tactical and operational levels.

APHN Missions

- Kamenge Military Hospital in Bujumbura, Burundi: APHN led Ebola response classes and Ebola preparedness exercises in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.
- Operation Allies Welcome: APHNs were key in the planning and implementation of humanitarian response plans, community health assessments, and establishing practices to prevent and mitigate spread of disease amongst Afghan evacuee guests.

Unique APHN Opportunities and Assignments

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (66B Fellowship)
- 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Special Staff)
- Office of the Surgeon General, MEDCOM Force Health Protection Directorate
- Pentagon Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 Health Policy
- U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence (MEDCoE)
- Defense Centers for Public Health - Aberdeen (APHN Branch)
- Defense Health Agency – Public Health
- 18th Medical Command (Indo-Pacific)
- Combined Joint Task Force Africa (Djibouti)
- Medical Readiness Commands/Regional Public Health Commands
- MTOE Units and Medical Treatment Facilities
- MEDCOM Strategic Assignments
- TSG 66B Consultant (Appointed Position)

Installation/Community Engagements

- Measles Outbreak in the Community: Partnered with local health departments to conduct case management and contact tracing to mitigate spread of disease.
- Health in Large Populations: Served as the public health consultant for sanitation and disease prevention strategies for both the Border Children Migrant mission site and the Operation Allies Refugee mission.
- Preventive Medicine in Training Environments: Directly support Cadet Summer Training (CST) program, serving as the APHN OIC and public health consultant. Population served during CST included over 12,000 cadets and cadre.
- Task Force Ohana: APHNs provided direct support as public health consultants to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Emergency Operations Center to aid residents of the Aliamanu Military Reservation and Red Hill.



Deployment Readiness:

- Force Health Protection Planning
- Medical Health Threat Assessments
- Medical Threat Briefings
- Commander's Ready and Resilient Council (CR2C)

Community-Focused Health:

- Mass Immunization Planning and Execution
- Community Health Assessments
- Community Health Improvement Planning
- Health Promotion/Primary Prevention

Public Health Emergency Response/Global Health:

- Emerging Epidemic/Pandemic Preparedness Response
- Humanitarian Missions

Health Consultant to Child & Youth Services:

- Health and Sanitation Inspections
- Staff Education and Training
- Multidisciplinary Inclusion Action Team

