



# NDPHA Section Annual Report

## Section Summary

Section Name:	Student Section
Section Chair(s):	Odele Rajpathy and Olivia Rajpathy
Number of Section Members:	
Section Purpose:	The Student Section of the Public Health Association is a collection of students and young professionals with a vested interest in current public health issues. This section allows and assists with the creation of connections and collaborations in public health fields.

## Section Meetings & Activities for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

<b>Meeting Information:</b>	Date: N/A
	Number of Members Present: N/A
	Summary: N/A
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	Number of Members Present: N/A
	Summary: N/A

## State and/or National Legislative Policies, Programs or Updates Relevant to Section (Optional)

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## Report on Section Workplan for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Goal:	Objective(s):	Status of Goal/Objective
The goal of the North Dakota Public Health Association Student Section for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, is to enhance student engagement and create a supportive environment that caters to the interests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessment of Number of Active Students in NDPHA Student Section</li> <li>2. Survey of Preferred Engagement/Leadership Model for Graduate and Undergraduate Students</li> <li>3. Observance of Public Health Week</li> </ol>	<p><b>Assessment of Number of Active Students:</b></p> <p>As part of the work plan, the North Dakota Public Health Association Student Section successfully conducted an assessment to determine the current level of student engagement. The primary objective of this assessment</p>



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<p>and needs of students in the field of public health in North Dakota. Our overarching objective is to cultivate a thriving student community and foster their professional development through tailored activities and initiatives. We aim to revitalize the student section, strengthen student involvement, and create a community that empowers students in their pursuit of excellence in public health.</p>	<p>4. Creation of an Instagram Page for the North Dakota Public Health Association</p>	<p>was to establish a baseline for future growth and to better understand the composition and needs of the student section. The assessment involved reaching out to students from universities and colleges across North Dakota registered as a student under NDPHA, revising the member list to exclude inactive members, and collecting comprehensive data on the number of students enrolled in public health programs.</p> <p><b>Survey of Preferred Engagement Model for Graduate and Undergraduate Students:</b> To tailor the student section's activities and initiatives to the preferences of its members, a survey was administered to gauge the preferred engagement/leadership model for both graduate and undergraduate students. The survey aimed to gather feedback on various aspects, such as the types of activities, events, and initiatives that would most effectively engage students in public health. The survey proposed 4 types of leadership models including: <i>1) Student section will meet to discuss topics pertinent to state or national public health or student-related issues. It will also function as a platform for networking amongst public</i></p>
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		<p><i>health students. 2) Appointed student delegates who are members of other member sections will represent each section. Delegate reports of discussion in respective member sections will be given by appointed delegates at student section meetings quarterly. 3) Student section will solely work toward a yearly project such as the Public Health Week (April 3-9, 2023) to promote partnership between colleges and public health on university campuses. 4) I do not prefer a separate student section. All students will join other NDPHA member sections as members.</i></p> <p>The majority of student responses indicated a preference for Model 2, which included appointed delegates that will be used to guide future planning. The majority of students also voted that they were primarily looking for education and information followed by student networking, interdisciplinary discussion, and social/community work from the NDPHA student section.</p> <p><b>Observance of Public Health Week:</b> Although we were not able to collaborate Public Health Week on April 3-9, 2023, among universities, it was observed individually by</p>
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		<p>organizing a range of activities to raise awareness about public health and its significance within the community.</p> <p><b>Creation of an Instagram Page for the North Dakota Public Health Association:</b> To strengthen communication channels and engage a broader audience, the North Dakota Public Health Association successfully established an Instagram page dedicated to sharing updates on policies, education, and public health advocacy. This platform was strategically chosen to reach a younger demographic and provide easily accessible information on public health topics. The student section actively curated content and maintained regular story updates that encompassed informative posts, news highlights, and educational materials. The NDPHA Instagram account currently has 90 followers. The Instagram page served as an effective tool for increasing visibility, disseminating knowledge, and fostering engagement among followers.</p>
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## Proposed Section Workplan for June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024

Goal:	Objective(s):
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The goal of the North Dakota Public Health Association Student Section for June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024, is to empower and engage student members in advancing public health initiatives. Through strategic collaboration and educational opportunities, we aim to cultivate a community of students in support of North Dakota public health.

Our objectives include the following:

- Facilitate leadership opportunities by conducting elections for the student section delegates and supporting board members to ensure effective governance and continuity.
- To stabilize consistent quarterly meetings and student engagement
- To establish collaborative partnerships with universities specifically on but not limited to Public Health Week 2024, research initiatives, and community outreach programs to address public health challenges in North Dakota.
- Promoting volunteer opportunities.
- Enhance communication channels by consistently maintaining the student section's Instagram page, ensuring periodic story and post updates on policies, education, and public health advocacy,