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101 + *Careers in Public Health* should be in the book collection of all who are interested in a career in public health, including current public health students and those who are indecisive about the career path but want to serve humanity through public health service. Relatively few people outside the public health world understand the nature of jobs in the public health arena, the skills and competencies needed, or the agencies typically offering these jobs. This easy-to-understand guide offers insight into what constitutes public health, including its history and future. *101 Careers in Public Health* provides a broad overview of the functions and services the public health workforce can expect to perform and the type of research that can be beneficial to public health practice and policy. In addition, the book provides details on the educational credentials and degrees considered appropriate for public health jobs and ways to become a part of public health workforce.

This comprehensive and practical book is fact-driven. Its 495 pages leave nothing to theoretic or crystal-ball speculations. It is based on formal interviews and other communications with a large number of public health professionals, enabling the author to portray a flawless typology of the public health workforce. Rather than simply providing a listing of jobs, Dr. Seltzer has cleverly classified various types of jobs by the area of educational competencies and public health services/programmatic areas. Chapters include job descriptions, educational and certification typically required for the job, core competencies, ranges of compensation, type of employing agencies, and employment outlook as to whether the employment is expanding or shrinking in a certain job category. Seltzer concludes the book with concisely and passionately written chapters on career counseling and current public health trends informing the future of public health on topics such as the use of social media, population change, and climate change.

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