FAST FACTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

- In 1993, the Arizona Board of Regents approved the establishment of the Arizona Graduate Program in Public Health (MPH).
- In 1997, the Arizona Prevention Center was approved as a Center of Excellence at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.
- In 1997, Mel and Enid Zuckerman committed to donate $10 million over 10 years – the largest gift in UA history at that time – which helped pave the way to the establishment of the College of Public Health.
- As a result of Dr. James Dalen’s vision (then serving as the vice president for health sciences), the Arizona Board of Regents in January 2000 voted to establish the College of Public Health at the University of Arizona.
- G. Marie Swanson, PhD, MPH, was appointed in 2001 as the founding dean of the College.
- In 2002, Mel and Enid Zuckerman were honored for their financial support to the College and their commitment to the University of Arizona by naming the college the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.
- In January 2006, the college began holding classes in its new home, Roy P. Drachman Hall.
- Iman Hakim, MD, PhD, MPH, was appointed dean in July 2008.
- In August 2010, the college expanded public health academics in Phoenix.
- The PhD in Environmental Health Sciences is approved by the Arizona Board of Regents, and the first students were admitted for the fall 2010 semester.
- In 2010, the Arizona Public Health Training Center was established to provide free training to the public health workforce in the state.
- In 2011, the Global Health Institute (GHI) launched the Undergraduate Research Program in collaboration with the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix. The four week biomedical research program is offered during the months of July and August.

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• Of the 584 students admitted to degree programs at the College of Public Health, 37% are from U.S. underrepresented minority groups. The college is home to 20 percent of the University of Arizona’s Peace Corps Fellows. Graduate program alumni number 1,170 and are employed in 22 countries and 44 U.S. states.

• The Zuckerman College of Public Health is the only nationally accredited college of public health in the state of Arizona.

• Total research funding for the college averages more than $12.1 million annually.

• The college is organized into three academic divisions that reflect the nature of research, teaching and practice: Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Community, Environment & Policy; and Health Promotion Sciences.

• The college is home to seven centers: Arizona Public Health Training Center; Arizona Prevention Research Center; Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention & Health Promotion; Center of Excellence in Women’s Health; Mountain West Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center; Center for Rural Health; Western Mining Safety and Health Training Resource Center.

• The college is home to four interprofessional collaborative centers: Arizona Smokers’ Helpline (ASHLine); Asthma Clinical Research Center; Global Health Institute; Healthy Aging Lab.

• The college offers five doctoral programs – Epidemiology PhD, Biostatistics PhD, Family & Child Health DrPH, Public Health Policy and Management DrPH and Environmental Science PhD; two master's degree programs – the MPH and the MS; and the undergraduate program.