



Public Health

GRADUATE CAREER SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL INTRODUCTION GUIDE

A professional introduction may be used to introduce yourself during networking events such as the Public Health Career Fair, during an interview for an APEX, or full-time opportunity. This guide is to assist you with the development of a professional introduction. Be sure that your introduction:

- ✓ Focuses on education and professional development
- ✓ Can be used to describe work experience and key accomplishments
- ✓ Informs the listener of your current status; what you have to offer
- ✓ Length – 30 seconds to max of 2 minutes

1ST DISCUSS WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW:

Thanks so much for speaking with me. My name is (Name). (Referral's name) suggested that I speak with you as someone who might have information about the field of Global Health Epidemiology. In May, I will be graduating from GW's Milken Institute School of Public Health with an MPH in Epidemiology.

2ND DISCUSS RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/SKILLS/INTERESTS GAINED

As a student at the School of Public Health, I was a research assistant in the Global Health department, where I conducted research and analyzed qualitative data on the negative effects of the food industry in China.

I completed my APEX (Practicum) at the CDC, where I collaborated with a team to conduct research and developed a presentation on the commercial determinants of health in developing countries.

During my Global Health Disparities course, my team created a poster presentation on international tobacco use prevention and it was selected to be on display at the ASPH conference last year.

3RD DISCUSS THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CONVERSATION

As I mentioned, I am exploring information about the field of Global Health Epidemiology, with a goal of combining my skills and education to support the mission of a global health organization. I have a few questions about your role/position and agency and wonder if you could tell me a little about your day-to-day tasks and the work culture of (name of organization)?