



Information for International Educated Client wanting to work in Healthcare Policy Research

OVERVIEW

Health care policy researchers conduct research, produce reports and manage health-care policies and programs. They may specialize in an area such as addiction or mental health.

Researchers help develop government health policy by providing advice on issues such as health promotion, regulation and standards. Researchers may design and carry out health projects or programs; maintain, update and manage health information databases; may collect and analyze statistics provided by public and private health-care organizations and produce reports. They may monitor and evaluate health-care projects and programs operated by government, agencies or private organizations/clients. They may be self-employed as a consultant.

EMPLOYMENT AREAS

Health policy researchers work for government departments and agencies; consulting companies; universities and other post-secondary institutions; hospitals; community agencies; professional associations; non-governmental organizations or international organizations.

EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

A minimum bachelor's degree in health science, public or hospital administration is required. A graduate degree in health, social science or administration may be required as well as several years experience as a health care professional.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND POLICY RESEARCH (CAHSPR)

Regular membership (\$175) in this association provides researchers with the opportunity to support health services and policy research in Canada and network with others with similar interests. Membership provides full online access to the Health Policy Journal and to membership in various theme groups.

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AT UBC

The Division of Health Services and Policy in the UBC Faculty of Medicine, School of Population and Public Health (SPPH) encompasses a range of disciplines and fields



including health services research, health policy, health economics, health systems and health ethics. Activities within the Division address the organization, regulation, accessibility and utilization of health care resources, and the resulting costs and effects. Topics of interest include large data administration, health and pharmaceutical policy, health reform, organizational change, health care financing, cost-effectiveness, health technologies, program evaluation, priority setting, quality and outcomes of health care, health information, social determinants, health disparities and knowledge translation.

A number of research centres also are associated with the Division, including the:

- [Centre for Health Services and Policy Research \(CHSPR\)](#)
- [Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcomes Sciences \(CHEOS\)](#)
- [Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluation \(C2E2\)](#)
- [Centre for Applied Ethics \(CAE\)](#)
- [Collaboration for Outcomes Research and Evaluation \(CORE\)](#)
- [Human Early Learning Partnership \(HELP\)](#)
- [National Core for Neuroethics.](#)

The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research in British Columbia is BC's health and research funding agency.

The BC Primary Health Care Research Network (Twitter @BC_PHCRN) supports evidence informed changes in the delivery of primary and integrated health care.

REFERENCES

Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) - <http://cahspr.ca/>

Canadian Public Health Association (projects) - <https://www.cpha.ca/projects>

Canadian Public Health Services - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/public-health-practice/canadian-public-health-service.html>

Canadian Institute of Health Research (CHIR) - <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/13733.html>

Government of Canada Job Board (Health Policy) - <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/marketreport/jobs/23040/BC>

Health Policy Research (Articles) in Canada - https://scholar.google.ca/scholar?q=Health+policy+research+in+Canada&hl=en&as_sdt=0&as_vis=1&oi=scholar



Institute for Mental Health Policy Research - <https://www.camh.ca/en/science-and-research/institutes-and-centres/institute-for-mental-health-policy-research>

UBC SSPH Health Services and Policy division- <https://www.spph.ubc.ca/about/health-services-and-policy-2/>

WorkBC - <https://www.workbc.ca/Jobs-Careers/Explore-Careers/Browse-Career-Profile/4165#about-this-job>

JOB BOARDS

Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) - <https://www.cpha.ca/job-board>

Indeed (Health Policy) - <https://ca.indeed.com/jobs?q=Health+Policy+Research&l=Vancouver%2C+BC>

Indeed (Medical Research) - <https://ca.indeed.com/jobs?q=Canada+Medical+Research&l=Vancouver%2C+BC>

UBC (SPPH) - <https://www.spph.ubc.ca/career-paths-and-alumni/career-opportunities/>

WorkBC - <https://www.workbc.ca/Jobs-Careers/Explore-Careers/Browse-Career-Profile/4165#about-this-job>

Workopolis - <https://www.workopolis.com/jobsearch/find-jobs?ak=health+policy+research+analyst&l=Vancouver%2C+BC&job=pWePWrHCFjJts4V90nZrCcKnBsOcNP-Rvqaj0cQoQdv-3l1bZywA1Q>

WowJobs - <https://www.wowjobs.ca/jobs-health+policy+research+analyst-jobs?job=FbDP7Poal87i7XHuu1jI8RpsnC1hYjmuFeIYMSYWKwGvPfN7VbRRHQ>

LIST OF ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA and INTERNATIONAL

Canada

- [Accreditation Canada](#)
- [Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health](#)
- [Canadian Health Services Research Foundation \(CHSRF\)](#)
- [Canadian Institute for Health Information \(CIHI\)](#)
- [Canadian Institutes of Health Research \(CIHR\)](#)

- [Canadian Medical Association \(CMA\)](#)
- [Canadian Policy Research Networks \(CPRN\)](#)
- [Canadian Society for International Health](#)
- [Health Canada](#)
- [Health Care Opinions \(Longwoods Publishing\)](#)
- [Health Council of Canada](#)
- [Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences \(ICES\)](#)
- [Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada \(ISMP-Canada\)](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- [The Canadian Medical Protective Association](#)
- [The Centre for Health Services and Policy Research \(CHSPR\)](#)
- [Safer Healthcare Now!](#)

International

- [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(USA\)](#)
- [American Health Quality Association \(USA\)](#)
- [American Society for Quality \(USA\)](#)
- [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health \(AU\)](#)
- [The Cochrane Collaboration \(UK\)](#)
- [Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities \(USA\)](#)
- [Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement \(USA\)](#)
- [Institute for Healthcare Communication \(USA\)](#)
- [Institute for Healthcare Improvement \(USA\)](#)
- [Institute for Safe Medication Practices \(USA\)](#)
- [International Society for Quality in Health Care \(IRE\)](#)
- [National Association for Healthcare Quality \(USA\)](#)
- [National Health Services \(Scotland\)](#)
- [National Health Services \(UK\)](#)
- [National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence \(UK\)](#)
- [National Institutes of Health \(USA\)](#)
- [National Patient Safety Foundation \(USA\)](#)
- [NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement \(UK\)](#)



- [The Commonwealth Fund \(USA\)](#)
- [The Joint Commission \(USA\)](#)
- [The Leapfrog Group \(USA\)](#)
- [VA National Centre for Patient Safety \(USA\)](#)

Quality and Safety Organizations

- [BC Patient Safety & Quality Council](#)
- [Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety](#)
- [Health Quality Ontario](#)
- [Saskatchewan Health Quality Council](#)
- [Canadian Foundation for Innovation \(CFI\)](#)
- [Canadian Patient Safety Institute \(CPSI\)](#)