

# Alumni Profile

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### **Why did you choose UNC?**

I knew from the beginning that I wanted to pursue a career in healthcare, so I naturally found UNC's great breadth of quality health-related programs highly attractive. I became interested in the BSPH in Biostatistics program specifically because it integrates applied mathematics with human health, which are two of my main passions.

Attending the Gillings School of Global Public Health has helped me achieve a much broader view of the field of healthcare. As a future physician, this is particularly beneficial for me because physicians often work with patients on a person-by-person basis making it fairly easy to lose sight of the bigger picture. The background in biostatistics will help me decipher the information from medical journals and provide my patients with the most up-to-date care possible.

### **What did you like most about the Department of Biostatistics?**

I enjoyed being a part of a program that prepares its students academically while still maintaining a focus on the "real world". In the program, we toured various workplaces for biostatisticians and were given periodic updates on the job market from faculty. This helped patch the disconnection between school and the "real world" for me, which had plagued me prior to my entry into the Gillings School of Global Public Health.

As an undergraduate student slated to take graduate-level courses as part of BSPH curriculum, I was initially somewhat apprehensive. Fortunately, the friendly faculty along with my peers made the transition from a general undergraduate program to the BSPH program virtually seamless. Taking challenging courses in a field that I was actually interested in was certainly rewarding and boosted my confidence in my academic abilities significantly.

Many of the courses featured a collaborative component which gave us students the opportunity to get to know and learn from each other.



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