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CDC Biostatistician Simone Gray, PhD, shares her story.

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Simone: I collaborate with medical doctors, other epidemiologists, behavioral scientists like psychologists, to help us solve and identify factors that contribute to particular diseases like cancer.

I got experience in public health starting as an undergrad. I did an internship at the Centers for Disease Control when I was a junior in college, and that exposed me to some of the problems that scientists were trying to solve. And I took that information, and I took that interest, and I continued to pursue my studies in graduate school, specifically looking for diseases and populations that were of interest to me. I have worked in maternal and child health. I have worked in environmental health. I have worked in HIV AIDS, and I now currently work in cancer.

If you are interested in a career in public health, I say go for it. I say reach out to other public health professionals. Talk to them, ask questions, find out how you can get involved early and just do it. It is a very fulfilling and rewarding career.

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