

Epidemiologist

Background –

Epidemiologists investigate the cause of disease and other public health problems to prevent them from spreading or from happening again. Duties include planning studies, collecting data and analyzing data, reporting their data and findings to the public and policy officials and supervising professional and clerical personnel.*

What can I expect to make in this career? \$69, 660*

What classes at GVSU may help me in my career? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, and would best serve your career goals.

1. **COM 202** – Critical Interpretation
2. **PSY 300** – Research Methods in Psychology
3. **PSY 362** – Environmental Psychology
4. **PSY 367** - Health Psychology
5. **PSY 410** – Tests and Measurements

What additional education is required to work as an epidemiologist?

1. A Master's or Ph. D in Public Health or Epidemiology is generally required to work as an epidemiologist

What skills would be helpful to have working in this career field? Strong communication skills, critical thinking skills, being detail oriented, strong math & statistical skills and teaching skills.

Employer Possibilities - Can be employed in health departments, offices, universities, and laboratories.