FAQs about Gillings School of Public Health

1. What is the Gillings School of Public Health?
The Gillings School of Public Health (GSPH) is a school within UNC that offers four majors to undergraduates: Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Health Policy and Management, and Nutrition. The School of Public Health centers around the idea that a global and humanistic lens is the most effective way to address public health.

2. How competitive is the application process?
To be initially considered for the application process a student must possess a 3.0 GPA from UNC, as well as the required prerequisites for the intended major. Because it is not a direct enrollment major, the process is selective, and a comprehensive review of the student is taken into consideration in the selection process.

3. How do I apply to GSPH?
A 3.0 GPA, a personal statement, and two letters of recommendation are required to apply. The application process is online, and can be found on the GSPH website, along with descriptions and prerequisites for the majors offered. The application is due in January of the students’ sophomore year.

4. As an undergrad, what opportunities does the Gillings School provide?
As an undergraduate student, the Gillings School of Public Health offers a holistic approach to a specialized curriculum, focusing on research and real-world application for learned material. Research and study abroad are common within the majors, as undergrads will be working with top public health researchers in their fields.

5. How does GSPH promote diversity and inclusion within their programs?
Various workshops, trainings, and programs are endorsed by the school, in order to ensure that every student feels welcomed and accepted. The Inclusive Excellence Council is a council dedicated to recruiting and retaining students across diverse backgrounds in the Gillings School, as well as advising and educating staff to ensure inclusive excellence.

6. Do I have to be pre-health to apply to Gillings?
Not at all! Public health is not a pipeline into practitioner health. Although some GSPH graduates may pursue a medical professional career later on, the Gillings school prepares students for various postgraduate studies, as well as successful post-grad careers.
7. Can I apply if I’m a transfer student/Early Middle College student?
Yes! Transfer and EMC students have to apply by January, like the rest of their applicant pool. Students must still meet the requirements of the major, like the GPA and prerequisite requirements, but they are encouraged to apply to the programs offered.

8. What can GSPH allow me to pursue post UNC?
With a network of over 20,000 alumni, networking and job opportunities result in over 99% of students either continuing their education or getting a job immediately after graduation.

9. Where can I find more information about GSPH?
If you’re interested in learning more about what GSPH has to offer, information can be found on the Gillings website, or at 140 Rosenau Hall, Chapel Hill, NC. GSPH is also offering webinars and online open houses to be held during the summer. More information can be found here.