

September 21st, 2026

SPH FALL WELCOME



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Today we hope that you:

- Make connections with students, faculty, and staff
- Learn how to access key student resources and support services available through SPH, OHSU, and PSU.
- Have fun!

Help Us Grow Our SPH Community!

Instructions:

1 Select a Leaf

- **Undergrads:** Yellow
- **Grad Students:** Blue

2 Write Details

Include your **name** and **program** on your leaf.

3 Answer Prompts

Respond to **one or all** of the prompts below.

"I hope to contribute _____ to the Public Health community."

"What inspires me about Public Health is..."

"By the end of this academic year I want to..."



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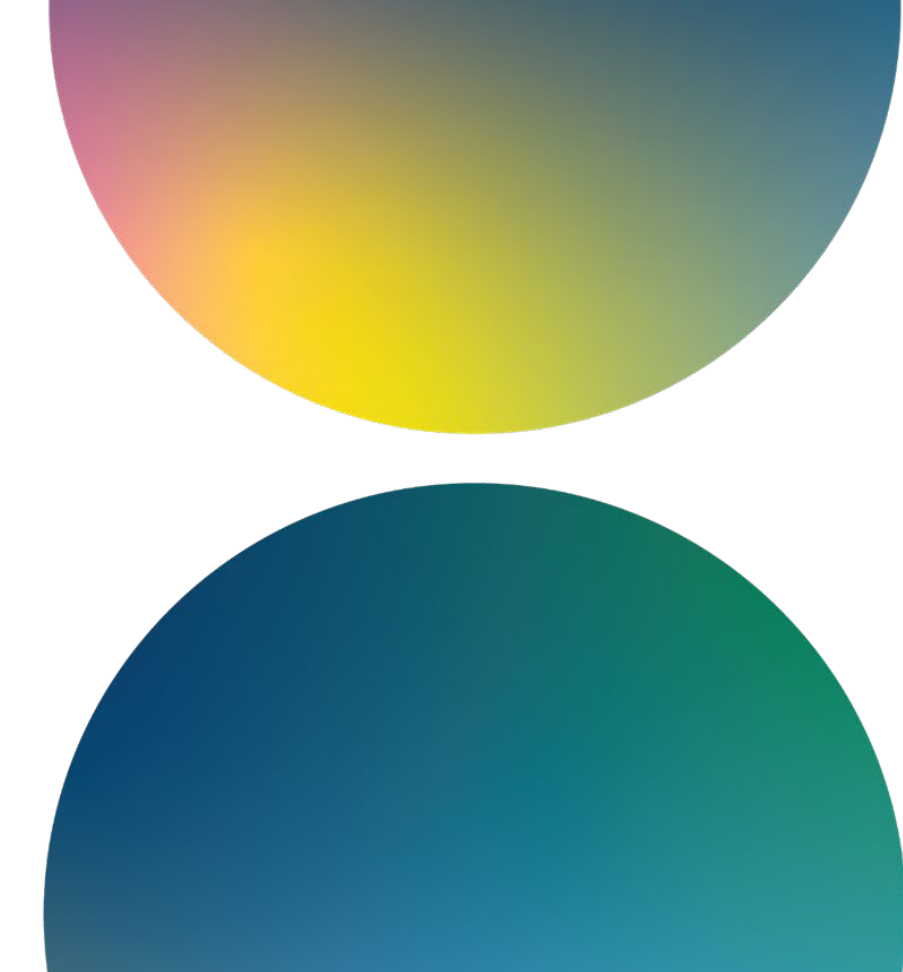
GROWING TOGETHER

The Vanport Classroom Expansion



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The Need

- Opportunity to better use existing Vanport space
- Growth in educational programs
- Increased classroom utilization
- Need for larger collaborative learning environments

What We Are Building

Space	Floor	Capacity	Space Tradeoff
Classroom/Multipurpose 515	5	80	3 offices and 8 workstations
Classroom 660	6	x	7 offices, 15 workstations, and 1 storage closet
Classroom 620M	6	38	3 workstations
Conference 630	6	24	6 workstations
Classroom 626	6	35	Student Success Center relocation to 624



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Growing Together

- Classroom construction during WIN & SP 2027
- New larger spaces = increased capacity
- Greater scheduling flexibility = improved efficiency
- Modernized learning environments = better experience
- Better use of existing space = responsible use of resources

Academic Health Department (AHD) Partnerships

SPH is developing formal partnerships with the **Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah County Health Department, and two rural Oregon counties** to connect students with governmental public health practice.

What this means for students:

-  **Put learning into practice:** Apply classroom knowledge and skills to real-world public health work.
-  **Gain hands-on experience:** Engage with public health departments and build relevant professional experience.
-  **Build in-demand skills:** Develop the skills and experience employers are looking for in today's public health workforce.
-  **Strengthen communities:** Help public health departments build capacity to address community needs.

Bottom line: Learn it. Practice it. Build your public health career.



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Sign Up to Our Texting Service (Select SPH Graduate or Undergrad)





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What We Are Doing



Using your feedback to strengthen support, career readiness, and student success.

1 Improving Student Support Navigation



Promote Student Success Center services



New streamlined Student Support Form



Advisory referral and support pathways



Promote career advising resources



Increase visibility of networking opportunities



Expand professional development and conference opportunities



Implement redesigned MPH curriculum w/ stronger workforce-preparedness focus

2 Strengthening Career Readiness

3 Listen and Learn

Continue to listen through focus groups and other feedback opportunities to help make SPH more inclusive and supportive for everyone.



Questions about the data?

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About the Survey

Survey results reflect the experiences and perspectives of students who participated in the 2026 Annual Student Survey. Findings are used to inform continuous improvement efforts across SPH.

Want to learn more?

Scan to view the full Executive Summary.

