January 26, 2026

Dear Nonprofit Partners,

Robert Larner, MD College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, in collaboration with United Way of Northwest Vermont, invites your organization to participate in the 2025 UVM Public Health Projects Curriculum by submitting a public health project application.

Projects will be conducted in fall 2026.

The UVM Public Health Projects Curriculum has partnered with nonprofits since 2004. College of Medicine students continue to have a significant impact on our community. Over 300 projects have been completed, all with practical applications for improving people's lives. Organizations involved in these projects uniformly commend the students for their work to promote a healthier community.

For fall 2026, preference will be given to projects where students can engage in-person with community organizations and the people they serve. Project topics can include any public health, access to health care, social determinants of health, or health advocacy needs. Groups of second-year students will work together with you to conduct practical research to help meet our community's needs.

In recent years, student projects have included a wide range of topics, such as:

- **Using Telehealth to Meet the Needs of Rural Vermont** (Vermont Department of Health)
- **The Communication Experience of Patients with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities in Healthcare Settings** (Champlain Community Services)
- **United Way of Northwest Vermont- Mental Health Initiative** (United Way of Northwest Vermont)
- **Examining Vermonters' Attitudes Towards Sugary Beverage Excise Tax** (American Heart Association of Vermont)
- **Recruitment of Primary Care Professionals in Rural Vermont** (Windham Aging and Southern Vermont AHEC)
- **Health-Related Factors Associated with Loneliness in Older Vermonters (Age Strong VT)**
- **Assessing Community Outreach Strategies to Promote Cancer Prevention Among Young Adults (LessCancer.org)**
- **Assessing Facilitators & Barriers to Vaccine Uptake Among Vermont College and University Students (Vermont Department of Health)**

This is your opportunity to participate in this unique program**.** Because of the lead time required to match student groups with a project, we ask that you **complete the attached form electronically and submit to jan.carney@med.uvm.edu and Thomas.delaney@med.uvm.edu (and please copy curriculum.services@med.uvm.edu) no later than Monday, February 23, 2026.**

If you would like further information or want to discuss a possible idea for a project, please contact Dr. Jan Carney via email (jan.carney@med.uvm.edu). We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this valuable learning opportunity for both the students and your organization.

Sincerely,

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