



An Innovative Perspective

STUDENT PROFILE

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– McKinley Kelcy,
master’s candidate, SPH

McKinley Kelcy is eager to bring a new perspective to the problems of health-care management—one that blends public health solutions with best business practices.

Originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, McKinley completed her Bachelor of Science degree in public health at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Now enrolled in the Master of Public Health Health Care Management Program, she takes half of her coursework in the School of Public Health and the other in the School of Management. This structure enables public health students to learn from business leaders, exposing them to topics that typically are not part of a public health curriculum.

In her first year, McKinley took core classes in biostatistics and epidemiology. Now she is taking courses that focus on competitive strategy, cost-effectiveness, and decision-making. She is engaged in a practicum at Yale-New Haven Hospital where she gets to field-test her ideas, and she is co-manager for a student consulting group that offers pro-bono services to local healthcare organizations.

“I think healthcare systems need a lot of innovation and transformation—a new lens to try different things and break out of the bureaucracy that they’re used to,” she said.

“I’m so happy with my decision to come to Yale—it’s been the greatest experience,” McKinley said. “I would like to sincerely thank you for all of the support you’ve given to the Yale School of Public Health.”

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