

# Papa Hoyeck

## Epidemiology (On Campus)



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I have a background and research interest in microbiology and cell science; however the MPH program gave me an opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary project through my internship, and ever since, I have fallen in love with the concept of One Health. Through my internship, I was given the opportunity to go to my home country, Senegal, to work in a public health setting and that was one of the greatest experiences I have had pursuing higher education.

### **How has your University of Florida MPH helped you achieve your goals?**

The MPH program at UF helped me in achieving my academic goal of having a deep understanding of Epidemiology and global health issues. With the training received through this program, I can now dive into public health issues that we observe in our daily lives and identify the main factors that are causing them and what could be a potential solution. With my concentration in Epidemiology, I was able to understand the characteristics that are important to analyses in order to understand a certain, and with my interest in infectious diseases, I can utilize this set of knowledge to better comprehend how this diseases function.

### **What are your plans after graduation?**

My main plan after graduation is to pursue my PhD in microbiology.