

WHAT IS THE MPH PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICUM?

The practicum, also known as the practice placement or field training, is one of the distinguishing features of the MPH (Masters of Public Health) curriculum. Through the practicum, students have the opportunity to apply public health concepts, knowledge and skills at a practice placement site selected for its ability to meet the student's learning objectives, expected activity and/or research outcomes/deliverables and related competencies. Students must complete a minimum of 240 hours while supervised by a preceptor who holds a Masters degree or above. Students often use their experiences from Practicum to develop their capstone paper and presentation.

HOW DOES THE PRECEPTOR SUPPORT THE STUDENT?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assigning the student a role/responsibilities• Training and/or supervising the student• Sign Practicum Plan to begin experience• Complete Evaluation at end of experience• Regularly approve online student timesheets• Being available as a resource - able to regularly communicate and provide guidance for the student
WHAT IS THE STUDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completing 240 hours of service-learning or research support• Tracking hours and completing deliverables• Communicating with preceptor
WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF PRACTICUM STUDENT WORK?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research: data collection and analysis, transcription, recruitment, survey development, research assistance, literature review, needs assessment, program evaluation• Health communication: create flyers/brochures, educational/community outreach, event support, social media coordination, taking meeting minutes, submit legislative testimony• Professional work the student is qualified for
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