Overview

The Public Health Field Study is required of all Master of Public Health (MPH) students and provides students with practical experience in a public health setting. Students will participate in the application and integration of the skills and knowledge acquired during their graduate didactic coursework.

Through the field study, MPH students will be able to:

• Complete a defined project(s) in an area of public health practice including core public health functions such as a needs assessment, program plan, program evaluation, policy development, educational campaign, applied research project;
• Exhibit proficiency in at least one of the following areas: program planning, needs assessment and data gathering, program implementation, applied research, program evaluation, policy analysis, or data analysis under the guidance of an experienced preceptor;
• Demonstrate leadership, teamwork, communication skills, and creativity in the development of a public health practice activity.

To qualify as an approved field study site, the agency/organization must:

• Provide public health related planning, research and/or services;
• Have one or more staff on site with a graduate credential in public health or equivalent professional experience and education who will serve as a designated preceptor;
• Offer opportunities for students to be exposed to a variety of organizational departments and individuals, functions and/or tasks;
• Offer responsibilities to students that are relevant and appropriate to their individual field study learning goals and professional development;
• Provide necessary access to data and program materials for students to conduct their projects;
• Have adequate organizational support for students to successfully complete field study activities;
• Provide direct and regular supervision for students throughout the placement;
• Provide a minimum of 200 hours of public health field work experience for dual/joint degree students and 400 hours for independent MPH students.

Placement Dates:

Fall: September - December
Spring: January - May
Summer: June - August

To register as a new field study site, log on at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WH5VWL2 or contact:

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