DrPH Practicum

Colorado School of Public Health
Practice-Based Learning
DrPH Practicum Information Session

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What Is It?

• The practicum is a required field experience (≥ 240 contact hours) that integrates DrPH academic preparation with public health practice.

• The DrPH practicum must incorporate higher-level skills expected to reinforce the competencies attained (strategic planning, policy development, epidemiologic analyses, etc.) compared to the MPH practicum experience, although the settings may be similar.

• The practicum is jointly directed by a ColoradoSPH faculty advisor and a practicing professional in community with leadership experience in public health agency.

• Students are responsible for completion of at least one project during the practicum that is meaningful for the organization and demonstrates leadership and advanced public health practice.
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Why?

- Demonstrate mastery of evidence-based public health decision-making
- Demonstrate competency in translating knowledge into effective public health practice
- Demonstrate leadership, independence and innovation in a public health project that addresses a community agency’s need
- Obtain experience applying advanced knowledge and skills at a community agency.

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When?

• Students must have completed at least one year of coursework (preferably two years) prior to registering for the DrPH practicum.

• Students are encouraged to complete the leadership and management courses before enrolling in practicum.
DrPH Practicum How?

- Talk to your advisor about your course sequence, timing for practicum and potential sites/opportunities of interest
- Identify and confirm site and willing preceptor
- Meet with Faculty Director of PBL
- Complete and submit the completed DrPH Practicum Proposal and Learning Plan Packet to Mary.Dinger@CUAnschutz.edu
- Obtain a permission code and enroll in the course (PUBH 6850)
- Four credit hours (≥ 240 contact hours), which can be spread over two consecutive semesters (2 credit hours/semester)
COURSE DETAILS
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Course Requirements

• Demonstrate a depth of competency attainment of five competencies

• Two competencies must be selected from the **Leadership, Management & Governance** domain
  
  • One of which must be: #5. Communicate public health science to diverse stakeholders, including individuals at all levels of health literacy, for purposes of influencing behavior and policies

• The remaining three competencies can be foundational or focus area-specific
DrPH Practicum Course Requirements

• Three evaluation meetings with advisor and preceptor
• Final Report/Self-Reflection and Products/Deliverables to demonstrate the competencies selected
• Final Presentation at DrPH Practicum Showcase
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Where Can I Find Resources?

[Link to resources page: coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources(for-current-students)]
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Practicum Information for Students
Resources for MPH and DrPH students

Overview

During your practicum, you'll gain real-world experience working in public health for a community host site. It's a great opportunity to develop and deepen your public health skills, see how the theory you're learning in the classroom applies in practice, and improve your understanding of the challenges and opportunities that public health professionals face.

For our MPH students, the practicum experience is a chance to get your feet wet and try out what you've been learning. For our DrPH students, the practicum is an important opportunity to demonstrate and deepen your leadership skills.
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRACTICUM COURSE YOU MUST:

- Meet with Practicum Director to discuss the practicum experience and requirements
- Meet with Advisor and Preceptor to determine and define practicum experience
- Provide Preceptor a copy of your resume, the Preceptor Information Packet and completed Practicum Proposal
- Complete Learning Plan (Sections 1-4)
- Complete Placement Agreement with your Preceptor
- Obtain appropriate signatures (Faculty Advisor, Preceptor, Student and Practicum Director)
- Provide Preceptor and Faculty Advisor a final copy of this packet including signatures
- Keep a copy of the signed packet. You will need the Learning Plan sections of this document for your three evaluation meetings during your practicum.
- Complete online HIPAA and Human Subjects Research course, save a copy of your certificate (or a screen shot of completion page)
- Include an updated copy of your resume/CV with your final proposal
- Submit completed Practicum Proposal packet to: ColoradoSPH.Pacticum@cuanschutz.edu
- Receive registration code from the Practicum Coordinator and register online for PUBH 6650 DrPH Practicum Course. Be sure to register for the correct number of credit hours (2 credit hours/semester is typical).
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Work with International Student and Scholar Services (isss@ucdenver.edu) for the necessary approvals and revision to I-20
- INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM: If the practicum experience will be completed internationally, the student must gain approval from the UCD Global Education Office and provide documentation of approval. There are additional requirements for completing a practicum abroad. Students should contact ColoradoSPH.Pacticum@cuanschutz.edu for more information.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Some host sites may require students to complete a background check, additional immunizations, drug testing, training, etc. Students are responsible for fulfilling the additional host site requirements and paying the associated costs.
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QUESTIONS?