

DrPH Practicum

Colorado School of Public Health
Practice-Based Learning

DrPH Practicum 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 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.

DrPH Practicum 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 ColoradoSPH.Practicum@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

DrPH Practicum 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 and Self-Reflection
- Final Presentation at DrPH Showcase

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Where Can I Find Resources?

→ ↺ coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/practicum-capstone ☆   

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Student Organizations & Programs

Academic Forms

COVID-19 update

- Practicum & capstone projects must be completed in the state of Colorado (no international travel). Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us at ColoradoSPH.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu.
- All students must complete the [COVID-19 social distancing form](#) (preceptor signature required)
- [MPH practicum proposal and learning plan](#)

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Eligibility for the practicum course



Proposal deadlines



Identifying practicum opportunities



Requirements for international experiences



Resources for students



Campus contacts



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.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu
- ☐ Receive **registration code** from the Practicum Coordinator and register online for PUBH 6850 DrPH Practicum Course. Be sure to register for the correct number of credit hours (2 credit hours/semester is typical).
- ☐ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Work with Amy Bello Amy.Bello@cuanschutz.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.Practicum@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.

COVID-19 Form
with required
signatures

CONTACT

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QUESTIONS?