MPH Practicum Goals & Benefit to Host Sites

MPH Practicum Project Requirements

On behalf of the Colorado School of Public Health, we would like to personally thank you for your interest in becoming a preceptor for the MPH practicum. The (≥ 120 hour) MPH practicum experience is intended to support student growth, both personally and professionally while connecting and contributing to community needs. The experience provides students an opportunity to develop professional skills in a public health setting that contributes to an unmet need of the host site.

The primary goals of the practicum are to:

- Apply classroom theory, knowledge, skills and techniques to a professional work setting
- Enhance and develop new skills needed to function as a professional in a public health setting
- Work on a defined public health problem/issue that is salient to the preceptor site
- Participate in a setting that allows the student to explore future career decisions
- Engage in professional self-assessment and personal reflection
- Build a personal network of professional leaders in public health
- Engage with the community
- Actively participate as a member of an interprofessional team to address a public health issue
- Connect with local and state public health agencies and other community-based organizations.

Preceptor and Host Site Benefits:

The Practicum experience adds great value to the student’s development. In addition, having a student professional onsite also provides benefits to the host organization. For example:

- Students complete or conduct projects the organization may not have capacity to do
- Students provide an inquisitive approach and may provide creative ideas and solutions
- Students build professional capacity and may be recruited to become part of organization’s workforce
- Organizations and Preceptors have an impact on the field of public health by participating in the education of future professionals

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