

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
School of Public Health
Practice Experience
Memorandum of Understanding

The master of public health (MPH) practice experience is a project(s) that immerses the student in one or more aspects of public health operations under the guidance of a preceptor. This practice experience may include, but is not limited to community health education, disease investigation, health promotion, program planning, program organization or management, environmental or occupational health, health behavior, health statistics, and/or grant writing.

The practice experience is a 200-hour time commitment by the student. The student earns three credits upon successful completion. The student is not allowed to count activities with a substantial amount of clinical or clerical work.

The student is to perform activities that employ knowledge from the disciplines of biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health policy systems management and/or the behavioral sciences. The student will pursue assigned tasks on a semi-independent basis, under the general direction of the preceptor.

I. The student agrees to:

- A. Exhibit professionalism and follow the policies and expectation including, but not limited to the following: attendance; confidentiality; dress; research technology use (cell phone, texting, internet)
- B. Consult with the agency preceptor when unsure of appropriate measures needed.
- C. Complete a minimum of 200 hours of contact time in the agency.
- D. Complete and forward to university faculty advisor all documentation by deadlines.

II. The agency preceptor and the agency agree to:

- A. Orient the student to specific project goals and operational requirements.
- B. Explain the structure and function of the agency.
- C. Invite the student to agency, interagency, and community meetings.
- D. Supervise the student.
- E. Provide a model of professional work habits and attitudes.
- F. Evaluate student performance on forms provided.

By signing this agreement, all parties agree to the roles and responsibilities outlined above and a coordinated plan that outlines the duties and activities of this practicum.

Preceptor (print)

Preceptor (signature)/Date

Student (print)

Student (signature)/Date