

# Master of Public Health Practice Experience

## Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Public Health

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The practice experience is a structured, practice-based learning under the guidance of a preceptor. Each Master of Public Health (MPH) student is required to complete 200 hours of applied public health practice at the placement site. The practice experience allows students to demonstrate competency in public health knowledge, principles and skills acquired through previous public health coursework in a professional public health setting. Students may work on a small project or part of a larger project, as long as it benefits both the student and the organization.

Students study in one of four program areas: Biostatistics and Data Science (formerly Biostatistics), Community Health Science and Policy (formerly Behavioral and Community Health Sciences and Health Policy and Systems Management), Environmental Health, Climate and Sustainability (formerly Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences), Epidemiology and Population Health (formerly Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Systems Management).

### Practice Placement Sites

The placement site is an organization, center, or program devoted to the health of populations through the prevention of disease, promotion of health, and/or advocacy for healthcare programs and delivery of services. Providing pay/compensation for practice students is encouraged but not required.

### Role of the Preceptor

The preceptor mentors and directs the student during the practice experience. The preceptor and student work closely on developing the proposal, and the preceptor is asked to provide feedback on the student's skills, ability and performance at mid-semester and the end of the experience. Preceptors must have a background in public health: an MPH (or an equivalent degree) plus three years professional public health experience, or five years of professional public health experience.

For more information on becoming a practice site or preceptor please contact:

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