

Information for Interested Organizations

1. In planning for the optimum field experience, the intent is to match the student with a field organization on the basis of the student's academic and prior work experience, individual interests, and professional needs.
2. A resume will be provided several months prior to the requested placement.
3. An interview with the student will be arranged, and the organization retains the right of final approval of the placement.
4. Stipends, although not required for field organization participation, are welcomed, especially to offset travel or relocation expenses. Stipend amounts vary based on the type of organization, most recently ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,200, with an average of \$3,500. Approximately half of placements are funded by the organization.
5. With agreement of the field organization, the MPH intern engages in 360 hours of field work on either a full time basis of 40 hours/week for 9 weeks or on a part-time basis of 22.5 hours/week for 16 weeks. Students may request an extended placement of 480 hours, equivalent to 12 weeks on a full-time basis.

Preparing for Public Health Practice



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Master of Public Health Field Practice

A 360 hour work experience enabling graduate students to develop public health competencies while contributing to projects that benefit the organization



MPH Concentrations include:

- Community Health Education
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Department of Public Health: Vision and Mission

Vision

The Department of Public Health will be nationally recognized for academic excellence, the expertise and talents of its faculty, and its dedication to preparing students for practical and academic careers in public health. Our alumni and students will improve the health of communities through outreach, support and research, reducing health disparities and positively influencing health policy and resource development.

Mission

The Department of Public Health prepares and mentors its students for exceptional careers in academia, public health research, administration and practice which promote optimal health of individuals and communities.

MPH Program

- Over 1,200 MPH graduates (1971-present)
- First nationally accredited MPH program outside a School of Public Health
- Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

MPH Field Practice Requirements

- To earn the MPH degree, students complete 42 credit hours of public health foundation courses, concentration courses, and electives. Six of the credit hours are earned through the completion of a field practice internship.
- Students usually complete field practice during their last semester of study.

Field Practice Goal

The goal of field practice is for students to have opportunities to apply academic theory, concepts, and skills in a practice setting to strengthen his/her public health competencies through contributing to one or more projects at the organization.



Benefits to the Organization:

1. Allows the organization to contribute to the professional development of MPH students
2. Provides additional personnel to complete special projects
3. Develops a working relationship between the organization and UT

Responsibilities of Field Organization

Field Preceptor

A preceptor should possess a graduate degree in public health or related field or have equivalent experience, ideally holding a supervisory position with decision making authority.

Primary Functions of the Field Preceptor

1. Assist MPH student intern in determining specific, mutually agreeable written objectives and project (s) for the field experience.
2. Orient the intern to the organizational structure including mission and vision, programs, and policies.
3. Provide supervision and instructional interaction in regard to the student's activities.
4. Serve as a mentor for professional development of student.
5. Communicate with the UT Field Practice Coordinator during the field practice period.
6. Evaluate the student's performance and discuss ratings with the student. A standard evaluation form provided by UT may be completed online at the end of field practice.