

Department of Public Health & Human Services Bachelor's Program in Public Health

Course Name: PUBH 390 Field Experience in Public Health Course Information: 3 credit hours, 90 with site + coursework

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Prerequisites: PUBH B310 and Junior status in Public Health

Course Description

A period of introductory work-related education that allows students to reinforce classroom learning while gaining practical experience in a supervised setting where public health principles are applied. This course requires 90 hours with the organization.

Objective

The purpose of this field experience is to enable students to gain practical experience in the application of public health and education. The field experience is a practice experience building on previous coursework completed in the Public Health program. The field experience will take place within an organization outside of the Public Health program with a focus on health-related topics. Students will identify an organization in which to complete their field experience and they will work with a preceptor and faculty to determine learner outcomes specific to their field experience. Students will attain higher level skills related to public health and education.

Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the internship with a "C" or better will achieve the following outcomes:

- 1. Identify public health sites which serve the area.
- 2. Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- 3. Illustrate oral presentation skills.
- 4. Practice and utilize interpersonal skills within the health field.
- 5. Establish meaningful professional relationships with supervisors, community partners, collaborator, key stakeholders and peers.
- 6. Apply classroom learned skills to hands-on experiences.