



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
Direct questions to the Internship Professor.
Dr. Diana Gill, dgill8@sc.edu, 843-208-8316

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.



Department of Public Health and Human Services
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Course Name: PUBH 480 Internship in Public Health

Course Information: 4 credit hours, 135 hours with site + coursework
Questions should be directed to the internship professor.
Dr. Diana Gill, dgill8@uscb.edu, 843-208-8316

Prerequisites: Public Health Program Development PUBH B450
Co requisite Public Health Program Evaluation PUBH B460

Internship Goal

The goals of the internship are to enable students to gain 135-hours of practical experience in the application of public health and education. The internship is an advanced practice experience which builds on previous coursework completed in the Public Health program. The internship 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 internship and work with a preceptor (an on-site teacher) and a faculty member to determine learner outcomes specific to their internship experience. Students will attain higher level skills related to public health and education including conducting a needs assessment, analyzing data, planning, managing, evaluating a public health intervention and disseminating program outcomes to key stakeholders.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Understand how to conduct, interpret, and disseminate a needs assessment.
2. Develop public health and education curriculum.
3. Implement public health and education curriculum.
4. Evaluate public health and education curriculum.
5. Disseminate program results to key stakeholders.
6. Develop oral presentation skills.
7. Develop advanced public health written communication skills, including preparing a poster presentation.
8. Establish meaningful professional relationships with supervisors, community partners, collaborator, key stakeholders and peers.



INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Student: _____

Date: _____

Major: _____

VIP ID: _____

Student Email: _____

Cell #: _____

SECTION 2: EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

By providing this information you give permission for the University of South Carolina Beaufort or Internship Site to contact the person(s) listed below in the event there is an emergency situation.

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact Address: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact Address: _____

SECTION 3: INTERNSHIP SITE/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Intern Supervisor: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Brief Description of Organization

SECTION 4: CONDITIONS OF THE INTERNSHIP

Unpaid Internship: The intern is not a temporary employee and does not displace or replace an employee. An unpaid internship does not offer or guarantee employment after completion of the internship.

Paid Internship: The intern is a temporary employee and subject to federal labor laws and worker rights as part of an employee-employer relationship. A paid internship does not offer or guarantee continued employment after completion of the internship.

This Internship is: Unpaid Paid Expected Compensation: \$ _____

Intern Position Description

SECTION 5: ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Proposed Start Date: _____

Proposed End Date: _____

Faculty Supervising Internship: _____

Faculty Contact Information: _____

Department Telephone: _____

of Internship Hours Required to Earn Course Credit:

Student Learning Outcomes (select one)

PUBH 390 Field Experience Learning Outcomes - 90 hours

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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.

PUBH 480 Internship Learning Outcomes - 135 hours

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5. Disseminate program results to key stakeholders.
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SECTION 6: STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Comply with University of South Carolina Beaufort's Student Code of Conduct and academic policies.
2. Abide by professional standards including: organizational dress code, ethics and confidentiality, communication practices, civility in the workplace, timeliness and attendance, and being accountable for one's actions.
3. Abide by organizational policies and procedures.
4. Communicate issues or concerns to faculty promptly.
5. Develop a mutually acceptable schedule with the internship site to complete agreed upon number of hours.
6. Meet with faculty advisor as needed during the term and at the end of semester for final evaluation.
7. Complete all coursework related to the internship experience as outlined in the course syllabus.
8. Complete an evaluation of the internship site.
9. Assume responsibility for all travel costs associated with travel to/from the internship site.
10. Acknowledge the student is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate dismissal from the internship site for unethical/unprofessional behaviors or non-adherence to USCB or organizational policies.

SECTION 7: INTERNSHIP SITE EXPECTATIONS

1. Provide a work environment that is mutually respectful and conducive to student learning.
2. Provide student with meaningful learning opportunities to support meeting learning outcomes.
3. Provide appropriate supervision of the intern.
4. Abide by the university's academic calendar.
5. Communicate issues or concerns to faculty promptly.

SECTION 8: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SECTION 9: WAIVER OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY

INDEMNITY. The undersigned student, hereby releases, waives and discharges the University of South Carolina Beaufort, its Board of Trustees, officers, servants, agents, insurers or employees (hereinafter collectively "USCB") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless USCB from and for any claims or causes of action for any losses, damages, property damage, property loss or theft, costs, expenses (including attorney's fees and opinion witness fees), complaints, personal injury, death or other loss arising from or relating in any way to the student's participation in the internship, including, without limitation, student's travel to, from and during the internship, and wrongful acts of others that harmful to the student.

WAIVER. The undersigned student waives any and all claims that may arise against USCB as a result of or in any way related to the student's participation in the internship, including without limitation, student's travel to, from, and during the internship, and wrongful acts of others that harmful to the student, including but not limited to, claims alleging negligence, gross negligence, and/or willful and wanton negligence.

COVENENT NOT TO SUE. The undersigned student agrees that he or she will not sue USCB for any damages, losses, claims, cause of action, suits, demands, costs, complaints, including those resulting from the undersigned's illness, injury, and/or death, released and waived in the two preceding paragraphs.

I affirm that the information above is complete and accurate. By signing below, the persons signing agree to abide by the terms and conditions expressed in this Agreement.

Employer Name: _____

Employer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read this internship agreement carefully before signing and agree that it contains my entire agreement with USCB regarding my participation in the internship program. This agreement shall become effective only upon acceptance by USCB of my application for the internship program and shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

- c. Agency
- Student
- Student File