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College of Nursing and  
Public Health

# Master of Public Health Practicum



## **Vision**

Adelphi University's Master of Public Health program's vision is to promote health equity especially among vulnerable and underserved populations on both a local and global scale.

## **Mission**

The mission of Adelphi University's Master of Public Health Program is to provide an exceptional learning environment offering student-centered education, research, and service. We are committed to preparing students to become highly qualified practitioners and research scientists dedicated to improving public health within local communities, regionally and globally.

# Adelphi University Master's in Public Health

- Offers personalized mentorship in small classroom settings, with many opportunities to participate in research, conferences and community activities.
- Provides flexible full- and part-time program options, with a variety of exciting elective choices in community health, epidemiology, emergency management and global health.
- Has two focused certificate options in emergency management and community health promotion.





# Practicum

The practicum course is **3 credits** and designed to enhance and develop various public health competencies. It allows for the student to begin to build their public health network by completing **180 hours** of applied practice. These competencies include, but are not limited to:

- Defining and addressing a public health problem
- Systems thinking about how a public health organization operates within the larger public health landscape
- Identifying internal and external challenges to public health organizations
- Interpreting data to define risks to a community
- Supporting and/or advocating for policy development and/or change
- Effectively communicating with public health practitioners
- Developing a community health assessment document
- Developing a program proposal and/or budget



# Practicum Course Requirements

- **180 Hours** of supervised work in a professional setting that provides a public health experience
  - Hours/Responsibilities negotiated by you and your preceptor and approved by the field practicum faculty advisor
  - Paid or unpaid
  - Substantial experience - no more than 10% clerical work
  - No more than 20% virtual responsibility – this is an on-the-ground practicum
  - Travel time is not included in hours
- Weekly or Bi-Weekly Journaling
- Student Evaluation (completed by Preceptor)
- Practicum Matrix
- Professional Development Seminar
- Presentation of Accomplishment(s)
- Final Report, Portfolio, and Presentation

# Practicum Site Requirements

The potential practicum site must:

- Learning objectives and subsequent tasks should conform to ASPH and CEPH competencies
- Provide a “willing and able” preceptor\* who will:
  - Work with you to determine specific, mutually-agreeable learning objectives and tasks.
  - Provide an orientation to the organization’s mission, programs, policies and protocols
  - Provide appropriate direction, as well as create time for instructional interaction and dialogue
  - Preceptors must have at least a Master's’ degree, preferably an MPH



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