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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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