

# **DrPH Practicum**

Colorado School of Public Health  
Practice-Based Learning

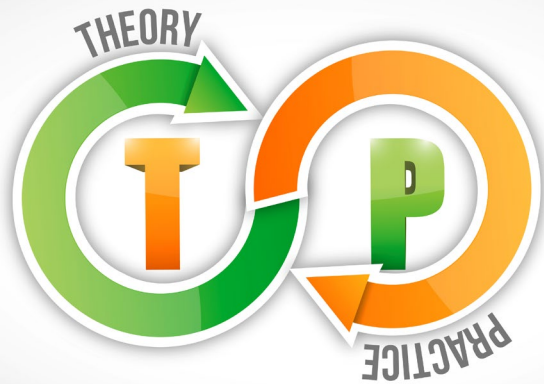
# DrPH Practicum Information Session

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## **DrPH Practicum What Is It?**

- The practicum is a required field experience ( $\geq 240$  contact hours) that integrates DrPH academic preparation with public health practice.
- The DrPH practicum must incorporate higher-level skills expected to reinforce the competencies attained (strategic planning, policy development, epidemiologic analyses, etc.) compared to the MPH practicum experience, although the settings may be similar.
- The practicum is jointly directed by a ColoradoSPH faculty advisor and a practicing professional in community with leadership experience in public health agency.
- Students are responsible for completion of at least one project during the practicum that is meaningful for the organization and demonstrates advanced public health practice.

# DrPH Practicum Why?



- Demonstrate mastery of evidence-based public health decision-making
- Demonstrate competency in translating knowledge into effective public health practice
- Demonstrate leadership, independence and innovation in a public health project that addresses a community agency's need
- Obtain experience applying advanced knowledge and skills at a community agency.

## DrPH Practicum When?

- Students must have completed at least one year of coursework (preferably two years) prior to registering for the DrPH practicum.
- Students are encouraged to complete the leadership and management courses before enrolling in practicum.



## DrPH Practicum How?

- Talk to your advisor about your course sequence, timing for practicum and potential sites/opportunities of interest
- Identify and confirm site and willing preceptor
- Meet with Faculty Director of PBL
- Complete and submit the completed DrPH Practicum Proposal and Learning Plan Packet to [Mary.Dinger@CUAnschutz.edu](mailto:Mary.Dinger@CUAnschutz.edu)
- Obtain a permission code and enroll in the course (PUBH 6850)
- Four credit hours ( $\geq 240$  contact hours), which can be spread over two consecutive semesters (2 credit hours/semester)

# **COURSE DETAILS**

# DrPH Practicum Course Requirements

- Demonstrate a depth of competency attainment of **five competencies**
- Two competencies must be selected from the **Leadership, Management & Governance** domain
  - One of which must be: #5. Communicate public health science to diverse stakeholders, including individuals at all levels of health literacy, for purposes of influencing behavior and policies
- The remaining three competencies can be foundational or focus area-specific



## **DrPH Practicum Course Requirements**

- Three evaluation meetings with advisor and preceptor
- Final Report and Self-Reflection
- Final Presentation at DrPH Practicum Showcase

# DrPH Practicum Where Can I Find Resources?

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### COVID-19 update

- Practicum & capstone projects must be completed in the state of Colorado (no international travel). Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us at [ColoradoSPH.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:ColoradoSPH.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu).
- All students must complete the [COVID-19 social distancing form](#) (preceptor signature required)
- [MPH practicum proposal and learning plan](#)

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## Where Can I Find Resources?

### DrPH practicum

**Eligibility for the practicum course**



**Proposal deadlines**



**Identifying practicum opportunities**



**Requirements for international experiences**



**Resources for students**



**Campus contacts**



**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRACTICUM COURSE YOU MUST:**

- Meet with Practicum Director to discuss the practicum experience and requirements
- Meet with Advisor and Preceptor to determine and define practicum experience
- Provide Preceptor a copy of your resume, the Preceptor Information Packet and completed Practicum Proposal
- Complete Learning Plan (Sections 1-4)
- Complete Placement Agreement with your Preceptor
- Obtain appropriate signatures (Faculty Advisor, Preceptor, Student and Practicum Director)
- Provide Preceptor and Faculty Advisor a final copy of this packet including signatures
- Keep a copy of the signed packet. You will need the Learning Plan sections of this document for your three evaluation meetings during your practicum.
- Complete** online **HIPAA** and **Human Subjects Research** course, **save** a copy of your certificate (or a screen shot of completion page)
- Include an updated copy of your **resume/CV** with your final proposal
- Submit** completed **Practicum Proposal** packet to: [ColoradoSPH.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:ColoradoSPH.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu)
- Receive **registration code** from the Practicum Coordinator and register online for PUBH 6850 DrPH Practicum Course. Be sure to register for the correct number of credit hours (2 credit hours/semester is typical).
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Work with Amy Bello [Amy.Bello@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Amy.Bello@cuanschutz.edu) for the necessary approvals and revision to I-20
- INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM: If the practicum experience will be completed internationally, the student must gain approval from the **UCD Global Education Office** and provide documentation of approval. There are additional requirements for completing a practicum abroad. Students should contact [ColoradoSPH.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:ColoradoSPH.Practicum@cuanschutz.edu) for more information.

COVID-19 Form  
with required  
signatures

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Some host sites may require students to complete a background check, additional immunizations, drug testing, training, etc. Students are responsible for fulfilling the additional host site requirements and paying the associated costs.

# **CONTACT**

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**QUESTIONS?**