

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
School of Public Health
Practice Experience
Memorandum of Understanding
Roles of Preceptor, Student, and Practice Placement Coordinator
in the Master of Public Health Practice Experience

The Master of Public Health (MPH) Practice Experience is a project or activity that immerses the student in one or more aspects of public health operations under the guidance of a preceptor. This practice experience may include, but is not limited to: community health education, disease investigation, health promotion, program planning, program organization or management, environmental or occupational health, health behavior, health statistics, and/ or grant writing. It does not include the performance of substantial clerical or purely clinical activities. Practice experience may vary from 45 to 225 hours (equivalent to 1 – 5 credit hours) of time commitment by the student.

Students can perform substantive tasks that employ knowledge from the disciplines of biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health policy systems management and/or the behavioral sciences. The student will pursue assigned tasks on a semi-independent basis, under the general direction of the preceptor.

The Practice Experience may be a small project or segment of a larger program. The preceptor will orient the student to specific project goals, objectives and operational requirements. Upon completion of the Practice Experience, the preceptor will evaluate the student's performance by completing a short form.

The student's Placement Coordinator will contact the preceptor approximately one week after the Practice Experience has begun. The purpose of this telephone call or email message is to provide the preceptor a direct liaison with the LSUHSC School of Public Health. The Placement Coordinator will be available as a resource to address any concerns that may arise during the practice experience.

The student signing below registered for the following hours of credit.

Circle the correct option below.

1 credit hours = 45 placement hours

2 credit hours = 90 placement hours

3 credit hours = 135 placement hours

4 credit hours = 180 placement hours

5 credit hours = 225 placement hours

Preceptor's Name (print)

Preceptor (signature)/Date

Placement Organization

Practice Coordinator (print)

Placement Coordinator (signature)/Date

Student (print)

Student (signature)/Date