

# **DrPH Practicum**

Colorado School of Public Health  
Practice-Based Learning

# DrPH Practicum Information Session

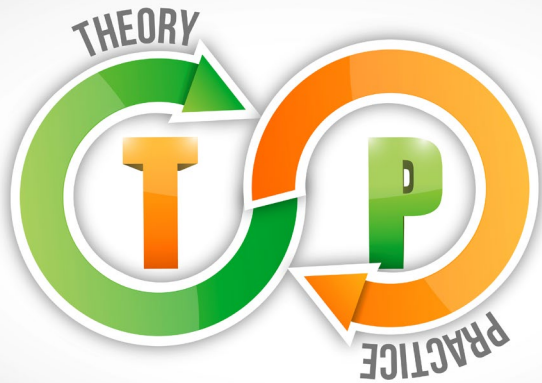
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## **DrPH Practicum What Is It?**

- 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 leadership and 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/Self-Reflection and Products/Deliverables to demonstrate the competencies selected
- Final Presentation at DrPH Practicum Showcase

# DrPH Practicum Where Can I Find Resources?

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## Webmail

Log into your email account. All ColoradoSPH students have a CU Anschutz email address.



## Ramweb

Through RamWeb, ColoradoSPH at CSU students can pay for campus-specific expenses such as health insurance, library charges, and more.



## Courses & registration

Find course schedules, our coursebook, and information about how to register for courses.



## Capstone & practicum

Learn how to register for capstone and practicum courses, find related forms, and more.



## Academic forms

Find forms such as graduation application, transfer credit, and WRGP verification forms.

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## Practicum & Capstone

Our practice-based learning philosophy is all about immersing our students in hands-on public health practice while offering employers the chance to tap into up-and-coming talent. Capstone and practicum experiences are where theory and academic preparation in the classroom meets real-world experiences in the field.

The practicum offers our MPH and DrPH students the opportunity to experience more than 100 hours of public health fieldwork. The capstone, a requirement for our MPH students, is an independent project that provides a deliverable back to the host agency. Following the completion of their capstone project, our MPH students present their work at the [Public Health Forum](#), an event held each semester.

### Important information for



**MPH & DrPH  
Students:  
Practicum**



**MPH Students:  
Capstone**



**Employers &  
Preceptors**

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Colorado School of Public Health website. The address bar shows the URL: [coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/practicum-capstone/practicum-information-for-students#ac-all-drph-students-requirements-reco...](https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/practicum-capstone/practicum-information-for-students#ac-all-drph-students-requirements-reco...). The browser tabs include "University of Colora...", "WebAdMIT > Login", "Fitabase - Research...", "My Clinical Exchang...", "My Projects | Qualtr...", "University of Colora...", and "Coronaviru...". The website header features the Colorado School of Public Health logo and navigation links: "Apply | Visit | Give | Search". The breadcrumb trail reads: "Home > Education > Practicum & Capstone > Practicum Information for Students".

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- Information for Employers/Preceptors

## Practicum Information for Students

### Resources for MPH and DrPH students

### Overview

During your practicum, you'll gain real-world experience working in public health for a community host site. It's a great opportunity to develop and deepen your public health skills, see how the theory you're learning in the classroom applies in practice, and improve your understanding of the challenges and opportunities that public health professionals face.

For our MPH students, the practicum experience is a chance to get your feet wet and try out what you've been learning. For our DrPH students, the practicum is an important opportunity to demonstrate and deepen your leadership skills.

<a href="#">Eligibility requirements</a>	<a href="#">Practicum requirements</a>	<a href="#">Forms &amp; resources</a>
<a href="#">Steps to complete</a>	<a href="#">Proposal due dates</a>	<a href="#">Contacts</a>



**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 International Student and Scholar Services ([iss@ucdenver.edu](mailto:iss@ucdenver.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.

**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?**