Sample Practicum Learning Plan Proposal

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Student Contact Information
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Please indicate your academic program.

[X] Full-time (MPH only)
[ ] Part-time/Online MPH
[ ] MPH/MBA
[ ] MPH/MSN
[ ] MPH/MSW
[ ] MPH/JD
[ ] Residency

How did you connect with this practicum opportunity (select best answer)?

[X] Found practicum on web or other media, other than JHSPH Practicum Opportunity Site

Preceptor Contact Information

CV required if non-JHSPH faculty member. Please send to practice@jhu.edu

Primary Preceptor first name: PreceptorFirstName
Primary Preceptor last name: PreceptorLastName
Preceptor phone (XXX-XXX-XXXX): 444-555-6666
Preceptor Email Address: preceptor@scfchildren.org
Primary Department (if JHSPH faculty member, search department here: http://www.jhsph.edu/faculty/directory/list): Not applicable

Alternate Preceptor Contact Information

CV not required, but contact information required below.
Please note that an alternate preceptor is required for the practicum. The primary and alternate preceptors cannot be the same. The role of the alternate preceptor is to be the back-up person for the primary preceptor and be able to take over for the primary preceptor if he/she is not available.

Alt preceptor first name: AltFirstName
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Alt preceptor phone (XXX-XXX-XXXX): 444-555-6667
Alt preceptor email: altpreceptor@scfchildren.org
Organization Information:
Name of organization where practicum is being completed: St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children (SCFC)
City where organization is located: Philadelphia
State or country where organization is located (e.g. Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, Brazil, Japan, Uganda): Pennsylvania

Brief description of organization
Describe mission and population focus. Include organization’s URL.

The mission of St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children (SCFC) of Philadelphia, PA is to support the health and well-being of children in the community served by St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children through programs in the areas of care, outreach, research, and education. This population consists primarily of low income children and their families in North Philadelphia.

More information can be found at the program’s website: http://www.scfchildren.org/farm-to-families-initiative

Practicum Project Title (1 sentence)
Summarize the project in one sentence
Developing Evaluation Strategies for the St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children’s Farm to Families Initiative

Practicum Project goals and objectives (list)
What are the goals and objectives of the project? What is the project aiming to accomplish?

A. The Farm to Families Initiative is an innovative project launched and run by St. Christopher’s Foundation that works with community-based organizations to address availability and affordability of fresh food in North Philadelphia through efforts to make fresh food available and affordable in the food deserts of Philadelphia. On a year round basis, the program supplies North Philadelphia families with boxes of wholesome fresh produce or fruit at a cost of $10 or $15 every week. Boxes are packed with seasonal fruits and vegetables, often valued at double the price.

In an innovative effort to target families who are at highest risk, the project collaborates with area health care providers who are writing “prescriptions” to the program for their patients. Initially launched at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, the program has expanded to various health centers throughout the city.

B. The main goal of the practicum is to develop and produce a Program Evaluation Strategy for the internal uses of St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children. As a young program, this project has had the opportunity to adapt quickly to lessons learned over the past few years. As such, the program has evolved and changed since the last time that an Outcomes Analysis was conducted.
Describe how the project is population-health focused (1-2 sentences)

As a whole, the project is widely focused on providing food to large swaths of Philadelphians. Moreover, while there is currently a mechanism for population data collection, the project is seeking a more strategic approach to data collection and ongoing analysis that will allow them to produce meaningful showing the impact and opportunities for positive health outcomes resulting from the program.

Short description of student’s contribution to the overall goals and objectives of the project (1-2 sentences)

What is the student’s contribution to the overall goals and objectives of the project? What is the student’s specific role in the project?

The student will be contributing to the project by conducting internal program development. Previously, there has been a dearth of available labor and resources to complete this analysis. Therefore, the practicum provides the organization with a much-needed intern at a time when the project is growing exponentially as it serves a larger and larger community.

Summary of student’s practicum duties (list)

Examples: conduct literature review of surveillance programs for health condition, execute data analysis to identify trends in utilization of medication, write final report to synthesize data, track current health policy trends, review similar programs to adapt for new program

The student will:

1. Conduct a gap analysis defining the ideal outcomes strategy with critical pathways identified to achieve this idea state.
2. Develop a timeline for work to guide the organization step-by-step in the development of the program evaluation process, given that some of the work may need to be continued following the end of my practicum.
3. Execute program evaluation, which includes an analysis of current, de-identified data available through the current data collection mechanism, development and implementation of additional data collection methods, analysis of additional data (as available), and completion of final program evaluation.
4. Complete additional work which may be identified through the practicum experience outside of what is identified in this document.

Summary of preceptor’s duties (list)

Examples: provide student with background materials, supervise student activities, provide student with feedback on work

The preceptor will:

1. Provide guidelines for work product development.
2. Offer information and documentation needed to develop a knowledge base of the project.
3. Deliver introductions to team members required to advance project.
Will the student be required to complete any training for the practicum project? If yes, please describe.
Examples: provide student with confidentiality or HIPPA training, orient student to data analysis software, training to interact with population focus, etc.

No.

Description of deliverables (if applicable)
Final products for the organization.

The deliverables for the project are as follows:
1. Gap analysis and related timeline for the ideal program outcomes strategy.
2. Analysis of current, de-identified data available through the current data collection mechanism
3. Development and implementation of additional data collection methods
4. Analysis of additional data, as needed
5. Final program evaluation

Will the practicum be linked to the capstone project?
More information about linking practicum and capstone can be found here:

☐ Yes – Please explain how the practicum and capstone will be distinct.
☐ No – Move on to next question.
☐ Not sure – Please explain why you are not sure if your practicum will be linked to your capstone project.

As described above, the practicum duties will include an outcomes analysis of the program. For the capstone, I will complete an additional literature review related to the program.

Anticipated practicum start date (mm/dd/yyyy): __________
Anticipated mid-point Progress Report submission date (not required for courses or the SOURCE Connection) (mm/dd/yyyy): __________
Anticipated practicum end date (mm/dd/yyyy): __________
Final report will be due 2 weeks after end date. If completing practicum in the fourth term, final report is due May 1.

Will this experience fulfill your entire practicum requirement?
☐ Yes
☐ No, I will be combining it with other experiences to fulfill the requirement

Total Estimated Practicum Hours (for non-course practicum): 100

What specific public health practice competencies relate to your learning objectives for this experience? Please choose at least one, and no more than three.

- Analytical/Assessment Skills
- Policy Development/Program Planning Skills
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competency Skills
- Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Public Health Sciences Skills
- Financial Planning and Management Skills
- Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills
- Other

What are your specific learning objectives for the practicum?
Think carefully about (1) what you hope to gain from the practicum experience/course, (2) the competencies you selected in the prior question, and (3) how you will accomplish your goals (or for those taking a course, how this course will help advance your professional skills/career goals).

**Analytics/Assessment Skills:** Obtain and interpret data to define risks to the community.

I will be helping to develop novel data collection and management strategies to better assess the food availability of Philadelphia communities.

**Policy Development/Program Planning Skills:** Collect and prepare information to support policy development.

By gathering both qualitative and quantitative data on current food policy program efforts and outcomes in various community neighborhoods, I will help generate new policy development strategies for the organization.

**Community Dimensions of Practice Skills:** Create connections and collaborate with key stakeholders to promote health.

During the time I spend at SCFC, I will develop relationships with local health care providers and neighborhood stakeholders to identify the needs of the community in an effort to increase food availability in the area.

I have reviewed and understand the description of the practicum experience, above, and I understand my responsibilities as a student. I certify that the work being submitted is my own.

- Yes
- No