Tips for a Successful Practicum Experience
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- Develop clear expectations at the start of the project (e.g. hours per week, anticipated deliverables, communication method, how to address any issues, etc.)
- Define specific project objectives, goals, and deliverables
- Communication is key (suggest weekly face-to-face student/preceptor meetings)
- Implement method to track student’s hours (see example templates here: http://www.jhsph.edu/offices-and-services/practice-and-training/practicum/_documents/Example_Timesheet_Template.xlsx)
- Be aware of/consider student’s academic schedule (e.g. mid-terms, finals, spring break, winter break)
- Be flexible
- If available and time permits, identify other opportunities, outside of the practicum, to enrich the experience by further exposing the student to the “flavor” of working at the practicum site (e.g. staff meetings, conference calls, community meetings, etc.).
- Inform the MPH practicum team (practice@jhu.edu) of any issues right away!
- Practicum Information for Preceptors: http://www.jhsph.edu/offices-and-services/practice-and-training/practicum/for-preceptors/
- Practicum Information for Students: http://www.jhsph.edu/offices-and-services/practice-and-training/practicum/for-students/