Example Practicum Timelines:

Please note for planning purposes that there are practicum opportunities that begin during 1st or 2nd term. Some of these opportunities involve an application process that occurs during 1st term (e.g. Baltimore Community Practicum and PHASE Internship).

Example 1: Customized practicum

September – October: Search for potential practicum opportunity with a local organization
October – November: Begin conversation with local non-profit, provide non-profit with MPH Practicum Information for Preceptors, discuss potential projects
Mid/Late November: Complete the Practicum Learning Plan with non-profit. Submit completed Practicum Learning Plan online for approval.
End of November: Receive approval for the customized practicum project
End of November: Register for practicum credits
December – April: Complete project
February: Submit Progress Report (both student and preceptor)
Mid-April: Submit Practicum Final Report (both student and preceptor)

Total Practicum Hours = 100

Example 2: JHSPH course with an approved practicum component

September – October: Search for JHSPH courses with an approved practicum component
September – October: Register for 2nd term course: Public Health Practice, PH.305.607
Start of 2nd term: Complete and submit online Practicum Learning Plan
2nd term (Oct – Dec): Complete course requirements and evaluations
End of 2nd term: Complete and submit Practicum Final Report

Total Practicum Hours = 90 (Note: with the 10 hours from the Tools for Public Health Practice course, this student will meet the MPH practicum requirement)

Example 3: Combination of Options

Students can combine options to meet the 100 hours requirement. An example timeline for combining options is described below:

August - September: Search for potential practicum opportunities. Decide to complete 3rd term course Health Impact Assessment and an intensive winter break practicum.
September - October: Search and apply for international experiences through networking with faculty and colleagues and searching the Practicum Opportunity Site.
October - November: Accepted for an international experience. Complete Practicum Learning Plan with organization. Submit completed online Practicum Learning Plan
November: Receive approval for the intensive winter break practicum
December-January: Complete intensive winter break practicum overseas
December/January: Register for 3rd term course: Health Impact Assessment
Mid-January: Complete and submit Practicum Learning Plan for HIA course
End of January: Submit Practicum Final Report (both student and preceptor) for the intensive winter break experience
3rd term (Jan – Mar): Complete HIA course requirements and evaluations
End of 3rd term: Submit Practicum Final Report for the HIA course

Total Practicum Hours = 105 (Winter Experience = 80 hours, Course = 25)