Sample Practicum Learning Plan Proposal
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Student Contact Information
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Please indicate your academic program.
× Part-time/Online MPH

How did you connect with this practicum opportunity (select best answer)?
× Identified the practicum via 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
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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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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: Pennsylvania
Brief description of organization
Describe the organization’s 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
List the title of the practicum project. If your project does not have a defined title, please come up with a one-sentence title that describes your project.

Developing Evaluation Strategies for the St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children’s Farm to Families Initiative

Practicum Description: Project aims, goals and objectives
Describe what the project aims to accomplish (1-2 sentences) and then list the specific project goals and objectives (2-5 recommended). If you are unsure about the specific goals and objectives for your project, please discuss with your preceptor.

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.

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
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 your specific contribution to the overall goals and objectives of the project (1-2 sentences)**

*What is your specific contribution to the overall goals and objectives of the project? Describe your distinct 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 your anticipated 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 your 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 anticipated final deliverables**

*Final products that you will develop for the organization. Please note you will be required to share at least one final deliverable with the Practice Office upon completion of your practicum.*

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

**Do you anticipate that your practicum will be linked to your capstone project?**


- 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 MPH competencies relate to your aims for this experience? You must select at least five. You will then be asked to develop a specific learning objective for each of your selected five competencies.

**MPH COMPETENCIES:**

- Evidence-based Approaches to Public Health
Apply epidemiological methods to the breadth of settings and situations in public health practice

Select quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context

Analyze quantitative and qualitative data using biostatistics, informatics, computer-based programming and software, as appropriate

Interpret results of data analysis for public health research, policy or practice

**Public Health & Health Care Systems**

- Compare the organization, structure and function of health care, public health and regulatory systems across national and international settings
- Discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities and racism undermine health and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community and societal levels

**Planning & Management to Promote Health**

- Assess population needs, assets and capacities that affect communities’ health
- Apply awareness of cultural values and practices to the design or implementation of public health policies or programs
- Design a population-based policy, program, project or intervention
- Explain basic principles and tools of budget and resource management
- Select methods to evaluate public health programs

**Policy in Public Health**

- Discuss multiple dimensions of the policy-making process, including the roles of ethics and evidence
- Propose strategies to identify stakeholders and build coalitions and partnerships for influencing public health outcomes
- Advocate for political, social or economic policies and programs that will improve health in diverse populations
- Evaluate policies for their impact on public health and health equity

**Leadership**

- Apply principles of leadership, governance and management, which include creating a vision, empowering others, fostering collaboration and guiding decision making
- Apply negotiation and mediation skills to address organizational or community challenges

**Communication**

- Select communication strategies for different audiences and sectors
- Communicate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing and through oral presentation
- Describe the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content

**Interprofessional Practice**

- Perform effectively on interprofessional teams

**Systems Thinking**

- Apply systems thinking tools to a public health issue

**Other:** _______________________________

What are your specific learning objectives for the practicum? Your learning objectives need to be aligned to each of the competencies that you selected above.
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 practicum learning objectives/goals.

**Competency 1:** Evidence-Based Approaches to Public Health: Select quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context

**Specific Learning Objective:** 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.

**Competency 2:** Policy in Public Health: Propose strategies to identify stakeholders and build coalitions and partnerships for influencing public health outcomes

**Specific Learning Objective:** 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.

**You would then need to come up with a specific learning objective for each of the remaining 3 competencies you selected in the previous question (for a total of 5 distinct learning objectives).**

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