



If you are working towards your BPH or MPH, you must complete a Field Experience.

For MPH students, this includes those completing the degree face-to-face or on-line, as well as those seeking the dual degrees of Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work.

Undergraduate students pursuing the BPH degree register for PHLS 496 (6 credit hours). **BPH students complete 250 hours of Field Experience during this 6-credit course** (190 hours for BPH students who completed the Service Learning Experience as part of the AAS degree in public health from DACC).

Graduate students pursuing the MPH in either of the concentrations (Health Behavior and Health Promotion [HBHP: formerly Community Health Education] or Health Management, Administration and Policy [HMAP]) **register for MPH 596** (three credit hours). **MPH students complete 160 hours of Field Experience during this 3-credit course.**

We are here to support you and help you find a Field Experience site where you'll gain meaningful public health experience. While some field experience sites are not able to offer internship/practicum experiences during the current pandemic, many of our existing sites have been able to adapt to virtual projects and supervision. In other cases, students may be able to work with a faculty member on a relevant project or they may work with a mentor in their workplace to develop a project that contributes to public health practice. We will be working with all of our students and preceptors on a case-by-case basis to develop goals and objectives that are project-based and that have some flexibility in terms of the Field Experience contact hours.

A field experience allows you the opportunity to apply classroom learning to actual public health problems and solutions. You are encouraged to seek creative field experience placements that allow you to apply skills you have acquired in the classroom setting, to assist a group or community with a public health/education issue, and to promote personal and professional growth. Sites may be at local, regional, national, or international organizations or facilities. To get started with finding a Field Experience site:

- Contact the Field Experience Coordinator to discuss your interests and identify possible sites
- Develop goals for your Field Experience in collaboration with your site preceptor and the Field Experience Coordinator
- Register for PHLS 496 (6 credit hours) or MPH 596 (3 credit hours) – the Field Experience Coordinator will assist you with registration once your site and goals are approved

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