



MPH Public Health Internship Overview for Preceptors

Internship Requirements

- The internship is 200 hours total.
It can be completed over 10 weeks (20 hours per week) **OR**
over two, 10 week terms (10 hours per week)
- Internships must address at least five MPH competencies listed in the internship handbook.
<https://health.oregonstate.edu/internships/h510>
- Interns must develop at least 2 'products' during their internship.
Examples of portfolio products may include (depending on the MPH program option): conduct an evaluation and write a report of the results; conduct a needs assessment and write a report of the results; analyze data in order to assemble training manuals for field workers; incorporating social, cultural, and environmental components, design and deliver health communication messages/campaign; conduct focus groups around a research question and analyze results and report findings; develop and implement a new health program, solicit and integrate input from community stakeholders.

Student Responsibilities:

- Apply to sites and/or contact sites with resume/cover letter, then interview and secure a site that fits with the activities listed above.
- Once an internship is secured, students are required to submit a completed **H510 Application and Learning Contract** from the H510 website by **Friday of Week 10, the term before**. Students develop the Learning Contract in partnership with the preceptor, faculty advisor, and internship coordinator.

Internship Site Responsibilities:

- Designate a qualified preceptor (experience in Public Health), provide relevant projects as listed above, a workspace at the organization, sufficient hours to meet the requirements, meet regularly with the student and provide ongoing feedback.
- Complete the paperwork before and during the term with the student.
- **Please note: if your organization requires an affiliation agreement, that process needs to be initiated by contacting the MPH Internship Coordinator, at least 3 months in advance.**

Interested in hosting a Master of Public Health Student Intern?
Review competencies for the different MPH Option included in the MPH Internship Handbook and on the Internship website (see below)

Provide the Internship Coordinator with a position description and the application process to be sent out to students.

OR work directly work with a student who has contacted the organization, review resume and interview.

H510 website:

<https://health.oregonstate.edu/internships/h510>

Double check your organization's onboarding requirements before securing an internship with the student, and clarify who will be the designated preceptor or preceptors (who has a graduate degree and Public Health experience).

If your organization needs an affiliation agreement, please allow 2-3 months before the start of an internship. Contact the Internship Coordinator to initiate the process.

Double check any additional onboarding (background checks and cost, orientations and trainings, workspace, etc.)

Offer an internship to the student and complete the required paperwork.

Schedule a time before Week 10 of the term before the internship to help complete the student's Application and Learning Contract (provided by the student).

Agree upon an internship schedule, projects, meetings, and completing Internship paperwork.