



Academic Advisors Master of Public Health Program

Role of MPH Academic Advisors

The overall role of the MPH Academic Advisor is to provide academic advice, guidance and mentorship in order to promote student success and help students meet their academic objectives. This may include:

- a. Advising on the selection of electives
- b. Advising on issues of academic progress
- c. Advising on career development and direction
- d. Referring students to other supports and services on campus as appropriate
- e. Providing reference letters for practicum placements or post-degree employment
- f. Helping to build and support an inclusive, welcoming, professional culture

Assignment of Academic Advisors to Students

Academic Advisors will be randomly assigned to MPH students for their first year of study only (12 months). In the student's second year of study, any continued contact with the Advisor is optional, and at the student's initiative.

Unlike the MSc and PhD models, the MPH Program is unable to match students to Advisors based on their personal/academic interests – in part because the Foundational MPH program scope is intentionally broad and students are often still exploring their interests and understanding of Public Health at the beginning of the program.

Responsibility and Time Commitment

The Advisor is responsible for initiating the first contact with their assigned MPH students, and for meeting with them in person within the first month of term. This may be a group meeting. Any additional contact is at the initiative of the Advisor or the student. It is up to Academic Advisors to determine the timing and structure of meetings as well as their preferred mode of ongoing communication with students (i.e. email, in person, telephone).

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