



EPID 887: Practicum 2021/22

Course Syllabus

Land Acknowledgement

Queen's University is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. To acknowledge this traditional territory is also to recognize the significance of this land for the Indigenous peoples who live upon this land. It helps us recognize our gratitude for the people who have taken care of this land before us. We are honoured to live, work, and play on these lands.

Course Overview

The 400-hour practicum provides MPH students with an opportunity to work in the public health field and contribute to evidence-informed public health practise with an approved host organization. Through the practicum search, interview process and practicum placement, students demonstrate and enhance the knowledge, competencies, skills, and attitudes they have learned from coursework. Students will also reflect on their practicum experience and advance their professional development. Practicum activities and roles will vary according to the needs and interests of the host organization and the student.

Course Prerequisites

All students must be enrolled as full-time or part-time MPH students and successfully complete all the following courses prior to the beginning of the placement, or have permission from the EPID 887 Course Co-ordinator:

EPID 801, EPID 802, EPID 803, EPID 806 and EPID 821

EPID 886 is required for 16-month students.

Course Location and Organization

All information is posted on the Queen's Learning Management System, onQ. All assignments and deliverables must be submitted via onQ. The course is organized in onQ in a chronological fashion into the following main tabs:

- Course Orientation and Administration
- Preparing for Your Search
- Searching for a Practicum
- Accepting a Practicum



- During the Practicum
- After the Practicum

The sections in onQ will be released as they become relevant to the practicum experience. There are interactive modules with a corresponding companion guide.

The course is complemented by an experiential learning position. Students will complete a 400-hour practicum experience with an approved host organization.

There will be three in-person mandatory briefing sessions and one debriefing session in addition to the information on the onQ site.

Course Outcomes

To be successful in this course you must demonstrate a consistent ability to:

1. Develop communication and interpersonal skills in the practicum experience.
2. Integrate, synthesize, and apply theoretical knowledge acquired in the preliminary MPH courses with the practice of public health in a supervised, public health practice setting.
3. Identify and examine the mission, structure, and functioning of the host organization in which a practicum is based.
4. Undertake a project focusing on a substantive public health problem or issue developing specific deliverables relevant to and for the host organization.
5. Develop public health and organizational competencies and skills as part of a public health team.
6. Engage in professional self-evaluation and critical reflection.

Time Commitment

For the Winter term, expect to spend an additional 5 to 10 hours a week on your regular course load to secure a practicum opportunity. This will involve such things as resume and cover letter writing, emailing potential host organizations, attending interviews, and completing university and host organization requirements, and meeting with the Professional Development Officer as needed.

Evaluation

The following chart summarizes the requirements for EPID 887. Four of these eight requirements are assessed to contribute to the grade. EPID 887 is graded on a PASS/FAIL basis. The minimum passing score is 70% and the completion of all assignments and deliverables. **All submissions must be done through onQ unless otherwise noted.**

Late Policy: Assignments will only be accepted by the due date, except by prior arrangement. Late submissions without prior arrangement will receive a 10% grade penalty per day.

Requirement	Due Date	Details	Assessment Value
1. Positioning Paper	May 15, 2022	Student completes	Submitted/Not Submitted
2. Practicum Agreement and Learning Plan	End of week two	Prepared by the student with the preceptor	Submitted/Not Submitted
3. Midpoint Self-Assessment	Before Midpoint PA	Student completes	10 %
4. Midpoint Performance Appraisal	At 200 hours if a 400-hour practicum (the midpoint of your placement based on the hours of your practicum)	Preceptor completes	Submitted/Not Submitted
5. Presentation Assignment	Student completes during practicum placement	Preceptor indicates on Final PA if the presentation was done	Completed/Not Completed
6. Final Performance Appraisal	Aug 26, 2022	Preceptor completes appraisal	40%
7. Student Reflection Assignment	Aug 26, 2022	Student completes	10%

8. Briefing Note Assignment			
Draft Briefing Note	Aug 29, 2022	Student submits draft	-
Peer Review	Sep 2, 2022	Peers submit reviews	10%
Edited Briefing Note	Sep 7, 2022	Submit an edited copy	30%
FINAL Briefing Note	Oct 1, 2022	Submit a FINAL copy	Total 40%

Tuition and Electives

Even though students are “off-site” of Queen’s campus for the spring/summer semester, students must be officially enrolled in the EPID 887: Practicum to complete this degree requirement. Thus, tuition is paid. Electives can be taken during the spring/summer semester and students are eligible to do so at another Ontario university through the Ontario Visiting Graduate Student (OVGS) plan. See the following for more details [MPH Program: Electives](#).

Resources

Writing Resources: It is strongly recommend to visit the Queen's University Student Success website at: <http://sass.queensu.ca>. This website has information regarding academic writing, in particular the writing process, creating an outline, developing coherent paragraphs, style and editing, grammar and punctuation, writing when English is not your first language, and writing courses.

Appearance and Editing of Assignments: All assignments are to be no smaller than 12-point type and one-inch margins. The required style manual for the formatting of references is Vancouver Style.