

# **FIELDWORK**

# **Information Session**

**MPH Program**

**CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy**

# **This is an info session + workshop to prepare you for Fieldwork.**

- Am I eligible to take Fieldwork?
- What is Fieldwork?
- Some past examples of Fieldwork projects
- Your interests
- Next steps to prepare for Fieldwork
- Faculty contact

# Am I eligible to take Fieldwork?

**To register** for Fieldwork, you must have:

- Minimum 18 credits completed before the Fieldwork semester begins
- A Fieldwork contract approved by your faculty advisor

# What is Fieldwork?

- 180-hour project in your area of interest
- Opportunity to practice skills and explore theories you've learned in the MPH program
- Participate in real world public health
- Begin developing the study for your Capstone project
- Assignments include
  - HRPP review; progress reports; “reflections” report on the experience; evaluations (student + preceptor)
- NOTE: Course does not meet as a class / Field-based work only

# Some current and past examples of student Fieldwork projects include...

- Implementing and evaluating strategies – referrals from patient lists, eMR decision support, patient risk survey – for getting physicians to refer patients to diabetes prevention services (at NYC DOHMH)
- Analysis of a secondary dataset to look at the relationship between meat consumption and gut microbiome, including preparation of a paper for publication (at NYU School of Medicine)
- Conducting a legal needs assessment at a community health center to support the establishment of a medical-legal partnership (at a community health center)
- Create, deliver, and evaluate a comprehensive nutrition curriculum for families visiting a community-based food and social services provider (at a community-based provider)

# What interests would you like to pursue?

- Specific topics?
- New skills?
- Particular organizations or organizational types?

## FOR THE NEXT 15 MINUTES...

- Partner with the person next to you
- Brainstorm or share a Fieldwork project you would like to do
- Identify and describe the steps to take to make it happen

# What are next steps to prepare for your Fieldwork semester?

- **Early in the semester before**
  - Reach out to potential Fieldwork sites
  - Tap your networks, including faculty, for leads and contacts
  - Ask me!
- **By the middle of the semester before**
  - Confirm your Fieldwork placement site
  - Work with your preceptor to develop and define the work you will do
- **By the end of the semester before**
  - Finalize a Fieldwork contract with your preceptor and your faculty advisor
  - Submit finalized Fieldwork contract to your faculty advisor

# Who can I consult with as I begin to prepare for Fieldwork?

**You can reach me**

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