FIELDWORK
Orientation Session

CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy
MPH Program
This is an info session + workshop to prepare you for Fieldwork.

▼ Am I eligible for Fieldwork?
▼ What is Fieldwork?
▼ 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 the faculty director
What is Fieldwork?

• 180 hours on a 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
• Develop the research focus and study plan for your Capstone project

• Assignments include
  1. HRPP review
  2. Progress reports
  3. “Reflections” report on the experience
  4. Evaluations (student + preceptor)

• NOTE: Course does not meet as a class / Field-based work only
Some past examples of student Fieldwork projects include...

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<th>Government health department</th>
<th>Implement and evaluate strategies</th>
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<td>Get physicians to refer patients to diabetes prevention services</td>
<td>• referrals from patient lists, eMR decision support, patient risk survey</td>
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<th>Academic institution</th>
<th>Analyze a secondary dataset and preparation of a paper for publication</th>
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<td>Study the relationship between meat consumption and gut microbiome</td>
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<th>Community health center</th>
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<td>Support the establishment of a medical-legal partnership</td>
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<th>Community-based provider</th>
<th>Create, deliver, and evaluate a comprehensive nutrition curriculum</th>
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<td>Increase food literacy among families visiting a food and social services provider</td>
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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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