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…

- **Government health department**
  - Get physicians to refer patients to diabetes prevention services
  - Implement and evaluate strategies
    - referrals from patient lists, eMR decision support, patient risk survey

- **Academic institution**
  - Study the relationship between meat consumption and gut microbiome
  - Analyze a secondary dataset and preparation of a paper for publication

- **Community health center**
  - Support the establishment of a medical-legal partnership
  - Conduct a legal needs assessment

- **Community-based provider**
  - Increase food literacy among families visiting a food and social services provider
  - Create, deliver, and evaluate a comprehensive nutrition curriculum

*Student Activities*
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

New Fieldwork Database Coming soon!
Resources

• Finding a position
  • Check your sphmail.cuny.edu email
  • Internship Opportunities (http://sph.cuny.edu/student-services/employment-resources/internships/internship-opportunities/)
  • Career Counseling (http://sph.cuny.edu/student-services/careercounseling/)
  • Online job boards (LinkedIn, Indeed, Monster, NYC Jobs, etc.)

• Fieldwork Tips and Resources (on Blackboard)
  • Fieldwork Success Tips
  • Time Management
  • Organizational
  • Communication
  • Commonly Needed Skills
Who can I consult with as I begin to prepare for Fieldwork?

The CUNY SPH Fieldwork Office

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