

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...

Student Activities

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**

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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