

What is the Community Health Practice Collaborative?

The Community Health Practice Collaborative or “Collab” is an opportunity for you to work with a team of 3-5 students over two consecutive academic terms (Fall-Spring or Summer-Fall) on a dedicated project.

This experience allows students to apply classroom learning in real-world settings—developing, managing, evaluating, or leading evidence-based public health projects while earning 3 academic credits.

Each student would complete **180 hours** with your organization over the two terms to meet this requirement of their MPH in Community Health degree.

Projects can take place in-person, remotely, or in a hybrid format, and must result in at least two concrete deliverables for each student.

When should preceptors submit projects?

We accept applications from March through August 1st of each year. Preceptors may submit project descriptions to OEL@sph.cuny.edu for consideration. Early submission increases visibility and the likelihood of attracting strong applicants.

What types of projects do students complete?

Projects can be in-person, virtual, or hybrid and may involve program planning, implementation, applied research, health education, advocacy, or other public health work. Projects must align with degree program competencies and include clear goals, activities, and deliverables. By the end of the collab, each student in your groups will complete at least two substantial deliverables that benefit the host site.

What are preceptor responsibilities?

Preceptors support students throughout their fieldwork experience by:

- Supporting students in developing the project plan, which outlines project objectives, deliverables, and competencies
- Providing mentorship and guidance through regular supervision and weekly meetings
- Completing midpoint and final evaluations to assess student progress
- Communicating with the collab faculty advisors as needed to address questions or concerns



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Summer/Fall Cohorts

Summer Semester:
Early June - Late July
(8 weeks)

Fall Semester:
Late August - Mid-December
(15 weeks)

Fall/Spring Cohorts

Fall Semester:
Late August - Mid-December
(15 weeks)

Fall Semester:
Late January - Mid-May
(15 weeks)