

## School of Nursing

### CPH 509A - Master of Public Health Internship Syllabus

Academic Year 2015-16

### Course Description

The purpose of the graduate internship is to provide students with a work-related experience designed to integrate theory and practice in an applied setting under supervision. The internship experience permits the student to demonstrate her/his ability to apply knowledge of theory and practice to specific activities in a real-world setting. The internship provides students with a professional experience where they can apply existing and new skills and become more socialized into the field of community/public health. Existing skills are those the student brings from his/her life experience and previous education. New skills include those the student has gained through her/his educational experience in the MPH program. Socialization occurs through mentoring of the student in the work site and professional arena by the preceptor for the internship. Students must complete a minimum of 200 hours in the internship and ultimately demonstrate skill in each competency area to pass this course.

### Credit Hours

1-6 credits (6 credits required to graduate)

### Prerequisites or Concurrent Enrollment Requirements

Completion of MPH Core and Required Courses

### Term, Year, and Campus

All terms, online

### Faculty Information

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### General Course Meeting Day and Time and Attendance Requirements

The student should spend a minimum of 200 hours of work in the internship experience. These hours can be completed in one ten-week term or across more than one term. The internship can be completed in two sites if the student elects with the hours split about equally between

the two. Students will report to the internship faculty coordinator on a weekly basis about their experience.

## Course Delivery Mode

Online

## Course Objectives, Competencies, or Outcomes

### COMPETENCIES:

Students will have work-related experience designed to integrate theory and practice in an applied setting under supervision. During the internship, students are expected to keep a daily journal of work-related experiences and reflections *that document demonstrated skill in each competency area*. There is a two part prescribed format for the journal.

The Internship in Public Health site in Sakai is solely used for Internship related resources. Students will not communicate through Sakai for this course. All communication with the Internship faculty coordinator, documents and journal reports will be sent via *email to jessupj@ohsu.edu*. Students can set up a phone appointment with the Internship faculty coordinator at any time. At the end of the internship the student prepares and submits an internship summary report and internship evaluation report. The internship summary report will include a self assessment of the student's current skills in relation to the required track competencies. Each student will also provide the internship preceptor a student evaluation to be sent electronically to the Internship faculty coordinator.

There are two sets of program competencies below. The set you are responsible to demonstrate during your internship will depend on when you enrolled in the PHCHD Track.

**For students enrolling in OHSU PHCHD Track Fall 2014 or later the following competencies apply:**

- Assess, analyze and synthesize the health status of vulnerable populations.
- Identify, develop and manage interventions to promote and protect the health of populations at risk.
- Lead and participate in inter-professional efforts to address health inequities with community partners.
- Conduct, participate in or apply research which improves the health of a population.
- Assess and integrate cultural beliefs and practices into public health interventions.
- Develop & apply effective communication strategies across multiple sectors of the community.
- Understand the principles of public health ethics and apply them to public health practice.
- Employ knowledge of health systems organization and health care finance to population based health problems.

- Apply quality improvement and risk management principles in the development, management and/or evaluation of population health services.
- Understand and participate in the process of grant and proposal development.
- Employ techniques to manage human, fiscal, and other public health resources.

***For students enrolling in OHSU PHCHD Track prior to Fall 2014 the following competencies apply:***

- Plan, specify, and manage interventions to promote and protect the health of populations at risk.
- Assess the health status of vulnerable populations.
- Lead and participate in interdisciplinary efforts to address health disparities.
- Collaborate with community partners to create, maintain and modify health promotion and risk reduction programs.
- Conduct, participate in, or apply relevant research with vulnerable populations.
- Enact cultural competency in diverse communities
- Communicate policy options for the health of populations at risk.
- Articulate how ethics affect the practice of public health.

## Required Texts and Readings

No text required

## Supplemental Suggested Readings or Reference Material

Each student will read at least 15 professional articles that relate directly to the internship work and provide a one paragraph summary of the areas that relate to the internship competencies for each article. This is homework and not to be counted as internship hours.

## Course Specific Grading Standards

This course is now graded with a letter grade as described below

## Grading Criteria, Academic Standards, and Release of Final Grades

School of Nursing final course grades will be posted with the OHSU registrar the Monday following the last day of the term. The School of Nursing grading system for official grade reports includes:

Letter Grades	Numerals used by Registrar for GPA	Percentage	Grade Description from the University Grading Policy
A	4.0	93 - 100	Honors or Excellent
A-	3.7	90 - 92	
B+	3.3	87- 89	Near Honors or Very Good
B	3.0	83 - 86	
B-	2.7	80 - 82	

C+	2.3	77 - 79	Satisfactory or Fair
C	2.0	73 - 76	
C-	1.7	70 - 72	
F	0.0	0 - 69	Failure

Refer to the SON *admission, progression, probation, and dismissal standards* for withdraw, incomplete, and in progress grading standards. See [School of Nursing Policies](#) website for a complete list of policies.

**Please note:** OHSU policy requires Sakai sites to close three weeks after grades have been submitted to the registrar in compliance with us copyright law and adherence to the fair use doctrine of copyrighted materials in educational settings. You have the right to retain a copy of any downloadable material posted to an online class. You are encouraged to download any needed material before sites are permanently closed.

## Course Specific Inclement Weather Procedures

[Inclement Weather Procedures](#) can be found for each OHSU School of Nursing campus.

## Copyright Information

Every reasonable effort has been made to protect the copyright requirements of materials used in this course. Class participants are warned not to copy, audio, or videotape in violation of copyright laws. Journal articles will be kept on reserve at the library or online for student access. Copyright law does allow for making one personal copy of each article from the original article. This limit also applies to electronic sources.

## Syllabus Changes and Retention

This syllabus is not to be considered a contract between the student and the School of Nursing. It is recognized that changes may be made as the need arises. Students are responsible for keeping a copy of the course syllabus for their records.

## Accommodations

OHSU is committed to providing equal access to qualified students who experience a disability in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the ADA Amendments Act (ADA-AA) of 2008. If you have a disability or think you may have a disability (physical, sensory, chronic health, psychological or learning, or other) please contact the Office for Student Access at (503) 494-0082 or [studentaccess@ohsu.edu](mailto:studentaccess@ohsu.edu) to discuss eligibility for academic accommodations. Information is also available at [www.ohsu.edu/student-access](http://www.ohsu.edu/student-access). Because accommodations may take time to implement and cannot be applied retroactively, it is important to have this discussion as soon as possible. All information regarding a student's disability is kept in accordance with relevant state and federal laws.

## School of Nursing Student Catalog/Handbook

All students are responsible for following the policies and expectations outlined in the OHSU School of Nursing catalog/student handbook, including but not limited to the SON code of conduct and the minimum technology requirements.

Students are responsible for their own academic work. Students are expected to have read and practice principles of academic honesty, as presented in the School of Nursing catalog/student handbook.

Some courses in the School of Nursing use an academic authenticity tool called Turnitin. Turnitin is a plagiarism-checking system that may be used for some of your assignments in this course to either help you practice proper citation use and/or to check for plagiarism. Complete instructions will be provided in the course site.

The School of Nursing reserves the privilege of retaining only those students who, in the judgment of the faculty, satisfy the requirements of scholarship and clinical performance necessary for the safe practice of nursing. The [SON Catalog & Student Handbook](#) has information about academic standards and probation and dismissal policies.

## Technical Support

The OHSU ITG Help Desk is available to assist students with email account or network account access issues between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday at 503-494-2222. For technical support in using the Sakai Course Management System, please contact the Sakai Help Desk at 877-972-5249 or email us at [sakai@ohsu.edu](mailto:sakai@ohsu.edu).