



## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Thank you for considering serving as a Field Experience preceptor for a graduate student in the Master of Public Health program at the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health. Your role is invaluable in helping shape a rich experience for students in a professional public health setting. Please find here information we hope you find helpful in creating this collaboration.

### What is the field experience?

- An opportunity for students to demonstrate and apply learning and skills in a professional setting while working on an identified project, activity, or public health need in your organization
- An opportunity for students to reflect on the MPH program and demonstrate mastery of the learning competencies in the context of a professional setting
- An opportunity for students to learn new skills
- An opportunity for students to be socialized into a public health field

### What are the field experience nuts and bolts for students?

- 200 hours minimum working on site over one or two terms (3-6 months)
- Conducted after courses for core and track requirements are complete
- 6 credits total, A-F grading
- Requires application and detailed learning contract as well as products for which the student will be responsible

### What is the preceptor's role and responsibilities?

- Helps shape and facilitate the student's project and learning contract
- Supervises and guides the student through the entire field experience
- Provides professional and technical expertise to the student when appropriate
- Completes and submits the student evaluation form, which is required for faculty grading of the student's placement
- Communicates with the field experience coordinator regarding student performance and/or overall structure of the placement

### What's required of a field experience site?

- Integrates the student into an appropriate work team. For example, the student will be able to attend staff meetings, be introduced to stakeholders or partners, and so on.
- Provides information necessary to student's successful completion of projects and activities
- Provides a preceptor who will be available to mentor the student for the duration of the field experience
- Understands that the student is not to act as administrative support or take on more basic duties but is to be engaged in a professional-level project and that the student does not function in the capacity of an employee of the site
- Provides the student a dedicated work space and any trainings necessary to complete the professional activity at the site
- Completes and submits a brief evaluation regarding the student and the field experience

### Questions?

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