

Program in Public Health Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree

FORM A: MEMO TO PRECEPTOR

TO: PRACTICUM PRECEPTOR

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Thank you for providing our student with the opportunity to work and learn within your organization. In an effort to better acquaint you with the roles and responsibilities of a *Master of Public Health* (MPH) Practicum Preceptor, this brief explanation has been prepared.

The Practicum is an essential part of the *MPH* curriculum and is intended to provide our students with hands-on experience in the field of public health to improve their learning related to the MPH's public health competencies.

Benefits of taking on the role of the Practicum Preceptor include:

- Provision of a dedicated, Masters level-prepared public health student to assist with a practical need. The student will work closely with the Preceptor and one of our core Public Health faculty to design the practicum and ensure that it leads to a quality product.
- Invitation to *MPH* events, such as public health networking and professional development opportunities.

The Preceptor should be a skilled practitioner willing to serve as the student's mentor and guide. The Preceptor has the following responsibilities:

- Provide a supervised work experience for a minimum of 135 hours with set goals and objectives.
- Provide an overview of the Practicum Organization, including its organizational composition and mode(s) of operation, mission, goals, and activities, and target population(s).
- Orient the student to Practicum Organization policies and procedures relevant to his or her work with the organization.
- Provide necessary organizational resources for the project, including any pertinent reports.
- Allot adequate Preceptor-student meeting time to spend with the student and provide periodic and timely feedback and guidance through formal evaluation and/or other means outlined in the student's Practicum Proposal.
- Review and comment on the student's Practicum deliverables through completion of *Form F: Preceptor's Evaluation*.

We thank you for your participation in the program. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Messina at 631-444-8266, or by email at Catherine.Messina@stonybrookmedicine.edu.

Preceptor: I acknowledge that I have read the information provided in this memo and agree to supervise _____ for the practicum to be outlined in the Practicum Proposal

MPH Student Name

Preceptor's Signature

Date