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# *Welcome Public Health Students!*

*Stempel College Fall 2025 Orientation  
Wednesday, August 20, 2025*

# Public Health Agenda

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- Meet Public Health Coordinator
- Meet Practicum Coordinator
- Meet with Departments



# Become Familiar with your Student Center

**my.fiu.edu**



Presented by Zoraya Arguello  
Public Health Sr. Coordinator



# Prepare for Registration



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Clear any registration holds:

- Immunization
- Residency
- International Student Insurance
- Students may submit documents to Student Academic Success Center (SASC) in person, fax, or email. For information visit <https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/health-and-fitness/student-health/registration-holds/index.php>

Activate FIU – E-Mail account,  
<https://my.fiu.edu/>

Get “FIU One Card” card visit  
<https://onecard.fiu.edu/about/card-types/>

Arrange your virtual parking permit,  
<https://parking.fiu.edu/>

# Advising

Once a semester, you will schedule a meeting with your faculty advisor, who will guide your enrollment and provide course selections. They will discuss program curriculum and develop your academic plan of study.

Here are some concerns to share when you meet:

- You received a Conditional Admission?
  - Academic Conditional Admission (must complete 9 credits with a minimum CUM GPA in two consecutive semesters)
  - Pending Final Transcripts (must submit final transcripts before end of the semester).
- You need to miss one semester?
- You are on academic warning?
- You are missing class because you have an emergency?

# Registration Process

## Student Center Functions

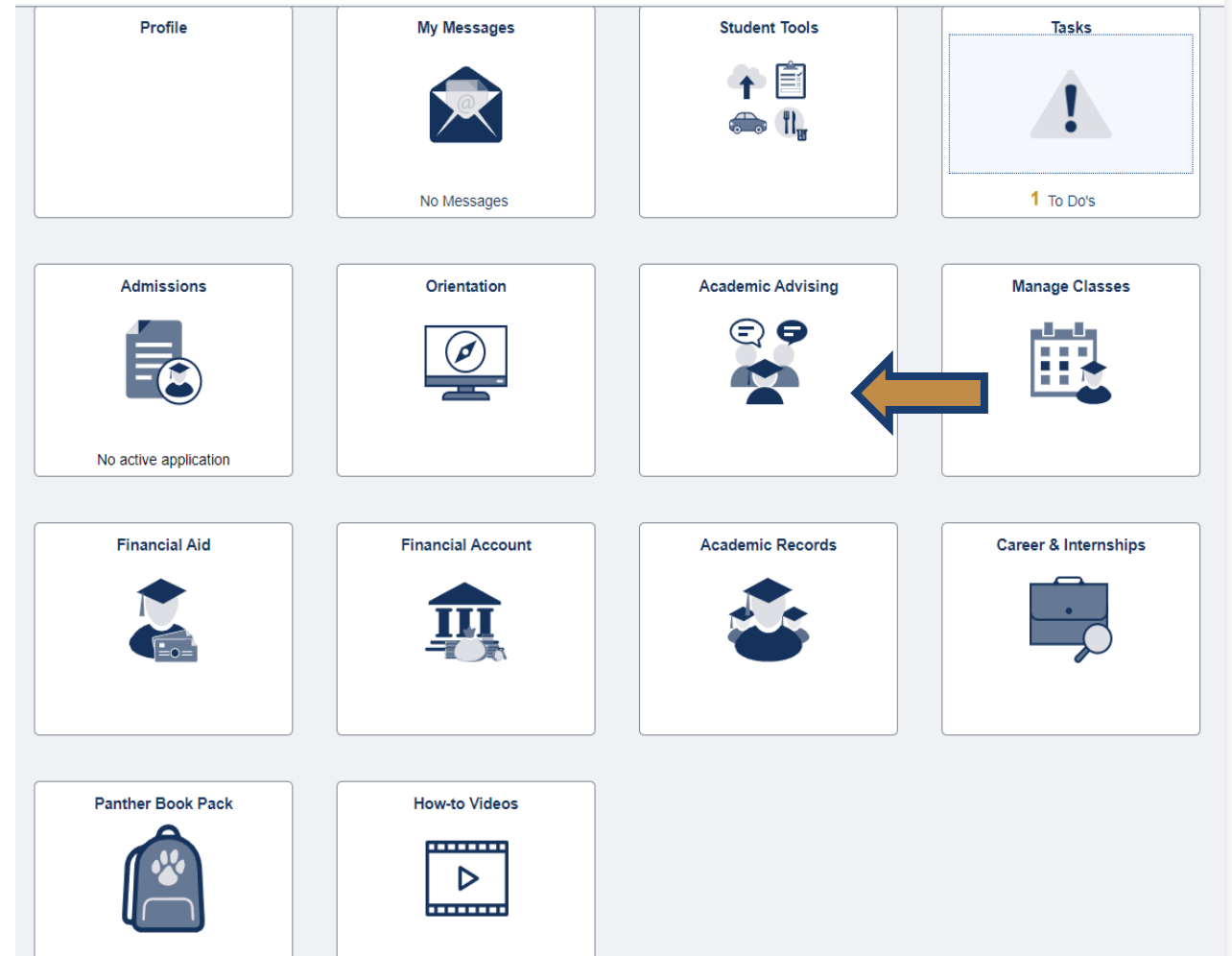
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- Biographical information
- Student E-Forms
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- Canvas
- Parking Permits
- Student Health
- How to Videos



# Monitor Your Process

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The Panther Degree Audit (PDA) contains records of completed and in progress coursework. It's important to review it for accuracy.


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Academic Advising


Degree Audit




My Major




Scholarships



Training Manuals



Career & Internships




Status

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Request

Change of Program/Plan

CCE Form



No active CCE form

< Academic Advising

Academic Progress

Academic Progress

The Academic Requirements report is not available.

Advisors

Expected Graduation Term

Panther Degree Audit Summary

Panther Degree Audit

View What-if Report

Apply for Graduation

## Panther Degree Audit

Program	Requirement Term	Requirement Status
Graduate Career	Spring Term 2020	Not Satisfied
Public Health and Social Work Program	Spring Term 2020	
Public Health - MPH Major	Spring Term 2020	
Biostatistics Specialization	Spring Term 2020	

### GENERAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS [RG4563]

In order to meet graduation requirements, students must be in compliance with all of the University's Graduate policies.

#### FIU GRADUATE GPA [RQ5309]

A grade point average of 3.00 or greater is required for good academic standing and graduation. To obtain your Official GPA visit my.fiu.edu. You will find your GPA under your "Academics" or "Unofficial Transcript" sections.

### MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH: BIOSTATISTICS [RG4343]

This program is designed to interpret information and is connected to fields in medical informatics and bioinformatics. Students must complete at least 45 units of approved coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

Status: **Overall Requirement Not Satisfied**

#### PUBLIC HEALTH CORE COURSES [RQ5125]

Complete with a grade of 'B' or higher, with one exception of a 'B-' grade in 1 course only. Students must complete all core courses prior to proceeding to specialization or elective courses. No more than 2 core courses may be taken simultaneously with specialization courses, as long as the rest of the core courses have been completed.

Status: **Overall Requirement Not Satisfied**

##### Coursework [RQ5125/LN10]

Complete 15 units.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 15.00 required, 9.00 used, 6.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6052	Biostatistics I	3.00	SPR 2020	A	EN	
PHC6000	Epi I: Intro PH Epi	3.00	SPR 2021	A	EN	
PHC6102	Intro to PH Policy	3.00	FALL 2021		IP	

Select From:

PHC 6315, PHC 6410

#### SPECIALIZATION [RQ5126]

Complete the following:

Status: **In Progress**

##### Biostatistics Courses [RQ5126/LN20]

Complete 15 units.

Status: **In Progress**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6080	SAS Comp Health Science	3.00	SPR 2020	A	EN	
PHC6091	Biostatistics 2	3.00	SUM 2020	A	EN	
PHC6059	Survival Data Analysis	3.00	SPR 2021	A	EN	
PHC6064	Appl Stat Meth Discr Data	3.00	FALL 2021		IP	
PHC6056	Long Hlt Data Analy	3.00	FALL 2020	A	EN	

#### ELECTIVES [RQ4966]

Complete the following:

Status: **Not Satisfied**

#### Electives [RQ4966/LN20]

Complete 9 units.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 9.00 required, 3.00 used, 6.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6099	R Computing Health Scien	3.00	FALL 2020	A	EN	

Select From:

PHC 6067, PHC 6907, PHC 6931, PHC 7719

#### CAPSTONE [RQ4967]

PHC 6945 (practicum) and PHC 6930C (culminating experience) are both required for all MPH students. PHC 6945 (Practicum) may be waived if the student has at least 3 years of practical experience working in a public health setting. The waiver request is submitted by the student, through the Faculty Advisor and Department Chair, for final approval by the Academic Public Health Director.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

#### Culminating Experience In Public Health [RQ4967/LN10]

Complete the following.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 6.00 required, 0.00 used, 6.00 needed

Select From:

PHC 6945, PHC 6930C

#### TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED [RQ4968]

Status: **Not Satisfied**

#### Total Degree Units [RQ4968/LN20]

Complete a minimum of 45 units (credits).

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 45.00 required, 27.00 used, 18.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6052	Biostatistics I	3.00	SPR 2020	A	EN	
PHC6080	SAS Comp Health Science	3.00	SPR 2020	A	EN	
PHC6091	Biostatistics 2	3.00	SUM 2020	A	EN	
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PHC6000	Epi I: Intro PH Epi	3.00	SPR 2021	A	EN	
PHC6059	Survival Data Analysis	3.00	SPR 2021	A	EN	
PHC6064	Appl Stat Meth Discr Data	3.00	FALL 2021		IP	
PHC6102	Intro to PH Policy	3.00	FALL 2021		IP	

#### ADDITIONAL COURSES [RQ4046]

Courses in this section might be used towards your plan of study upon your Academic Advisor's approval. This section contains courses taken as non-degree seeking student, a previous completed Masters or PhD at FIU, transfer courses and exceeds time limit courses.

#### Courses Not Used [RQ4046/LN10]

Courses in this section might be used towards your plan of study upon your Academic Advisor's approval. Please contact your Advisor for further clarification.

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6701	Advanced R Computing	3.00	SUM 2021	A	EN	

## Panther Degree Audit

Prepared on 04/08/2022

Program	Requirement Term	Requirement Status
Graduate Career	Fall Term 2021	Not Satisfied
Public Health and Social Work Program	Fall Term 2021	
Public Health - PhD Major	Fall Term 2021	
Epidemiology Specialization	Fall Term 2021	

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#### GRADUATE STUDENT D FORMS CHECKLIST [RQ5255]

Submit all required forms.

Status: **Overall Requirement Not Satisfied**

##### Appointment of Dissertation Committee [RQ5255/LN10]

Complete Form D1.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

##### Application for Doctoral Candidacy [RQ5255/LN20]

Complete Form D2.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

##### Doctoral Dissertation Proposal [RQ5255/LN30]

Complete Form D3.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

##### Preliminary Approval of Dissertation and Request for Oral Defense [RQ5255/LN50]

Complete Form D5.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

##### Final Electronic Dissertation (ETD) Approval [RQ5255/LN80]

Complete Form ETD.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

#### FIU GRADUATE GPA [RQ5309]

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PUBLIC HEALTH: EPIDEMIOLOGY [RG4341]

This program requires a minimum of 75 units, and is specially designed to train students in the highest level of professional skills to examine the conditions and determinants of health and disease in populations.

Status: **Overall Requirement Not Satisfied**

#### ADVANCE TO CANDIDACY [RQ5120]

Complete the following with a grade of 'B' or higher.

Status: **Overall Requirement Not Satisfied**

##### Shared Core Courses [RQ5120/LN10]

Complete 12 units.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 12.00 required, 6.00 used, 6.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6601	Emerging Iss in PH	3.00	FALL 2021	A-	EN	
PHC7705	Meth in Evid Bas PH	3.00	SPR 2022		IP	

Select From:

PHC 6091, PHC 7981

Required Methods Courses [RQ5122/LN40]

Complete the following courses.

Status: **In Progress**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC7015	Adv Res Meth Exper Design	3.00	FALL 2021	A	EN	
PHC7011	Advanced Epidemiology	3.00	SPR 2022		IP	

##### Additional Methods Courses [RQ5122/LN45]

Complete 3 additional methods courses.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 9.00 required, 0.00 used, 9.00 needed

Select From:

PHC 6056, PHC 6059, PHC 6064, PHC 6080, PHC 6099, PHC 7719

##### Content Courses [RQ5651/LN10]

Complete 12 credits from the following:

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 12.00 required, 3.00 used, 9.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC7982	PH Pre Dissertation Res	3.00	SUM 2022		IP	

Select From:

PHC 6000, PHC 6001, PHC 6002, PHC 6003, PHC 6004, PHC 6007, PHC 6008, PHC 6009, PHC 6013, PHC 6014, PHC 6016, PHC 6020, PHC 6062, PHC 6251, PHC 6441, PHC 6443, PHC 6443, PHC 6536, PHC 6591, PHC 6595, PHC 6700, PHC 6715, PHC 6762, PHC 6907, PHC 6934, PHC 6939, PHC 7011, PHC 7017, PHC 7162, PHC 7606

##### Secondary Field Courses [RQ5124/LN40]

Complete at least 12 units of approved secondary field graduate courses in consultation with academic advisor.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

- Units: 12.00 required, 0.00 used, 12.00 needed

Select From:

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##### 7000 Level Courses [RQ5022/LN30]

Verify 9 units of 7000 level courses taken as specialization.

Status: **In Progress**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC7015	Adv Res Meth Exper Design	3.00	FALL 2021	A	EN	
PHC7011	Advanced Epidemiology	3.00	SPR 2022		IP	
PHC7982	PH Pre Dissertation Res	3.00	SUM 2022		IP	

##### Qualifying Examination [RQ4955/LN10]

Pass examination.

Status: **Not Satisfied**

#### COMPLETION OF DISSERTATION [RQ4956]

Complete the following:

Status: **Not Satisfied**

##### Dissertation [RQ4956/LN20]

Complete a minimum of 15 units. After a doctoral student is admitted to candidacy, continuous registration for at least 3 units each semester (including the summer term) is required until the dissertation requirement is fulfilled. Once enrollment in thesis is initiated, continuous registration for at least 1 unit each semester (including the summer term) is required until the thesis requirement is fulfilled.

Status: **Not Satisfied**



# University Policies and Procedures

University Graduate School Policies and procedures are found at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/facultystaff/#gradpolicies>.

Here are some policies that we would like to bring your attention are:

- [Conditional Admission of Master's Applicants](#)
- [Graduate Active and Full-Time Status](#)
- [Leave of Absence from a Graduate Program](#)
- [Graduate Incomplete Grades](#)
- [Time Limits for Graduate Degree Completion](#)
- [Graduate Academic Standing, Academic Dismissal and Readmission](#)

Remember that we are here to help you with any questions or concerns. Please feel free reach out anytime. Zoraya Arguello, Public Health Sr. Coordinator at [arguello@fiu.edu](mailto:arguello@fiu.edu) or call 305 348-4394.



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# Practicum in Public Health

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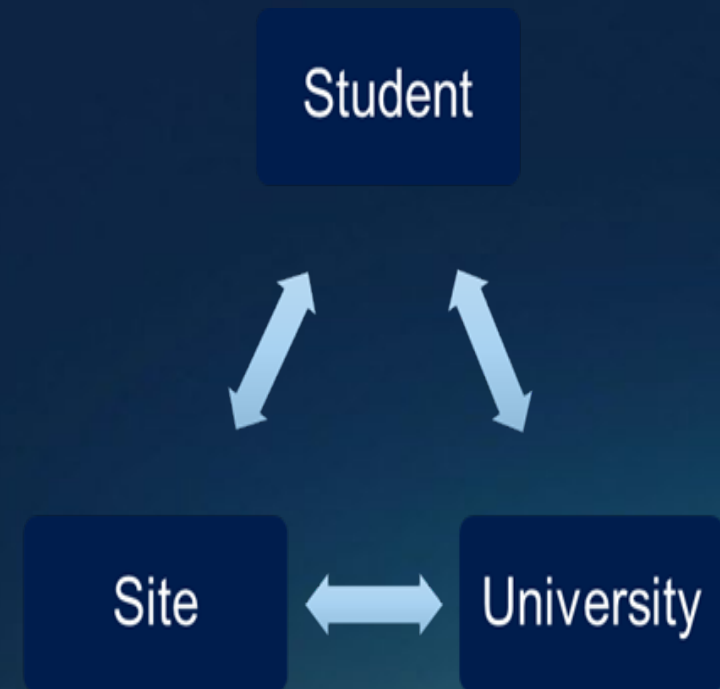
*Public Health Practicum Coordinator*

# The Practicum

## – Applied Practice Experience –

- A temporary position with an emphasis on education and the application/practice of public health for a minimum of 200 hours that bridges the gap between theory and practice. And is a mutually beneficial, planned, and supervised field experience.
- Students with a minimum of three (3) years of relevant and documented public health experience may request an exemption from the practicum, if approved.

THE PRACTICUM IS A PROCESS!!!!



# Practicum Requirements

- Successful completion of at least 30 MPH credits
- Approval by Faculty Advisor, Department Chair, and the Practicum Coordinator
- Begin this process TWO semesters before beginning the practicum (Agreements, background screenings, etc.)
- Accelerated MPH Students must begin this process during their FIRST semester in the program

# Practicum Requirements

- **An Affiliation Agreement with the Practicum Site**  
(A Legal/Risk Management Document)
- **Acceptance by the Practicum Site**  
("I want to conduct my practicum at ...")
- **A Preceptor Agreement**  
("I would love for ... to mentor me and share their expertise.")

# Practicum Requirements

- A Practicum Educational Plan  
(“My practicum project(s), goals, and learning objectives are...)
- Attainment of at least five (5) Competencies [three (3) must be Foundational]
- International Students must complete a Curricular Practical Training Authorization (CPT) Form
- Under certain conditions an internship may be accepted for the practicum, if the internship focuses on public health

# Expectations for the Practicum

- Register for PHC6945 - Practicum in Public Health (In-Class or Online)
- Minimum of 200 documented hours of field experience
- Professionalism on the job (attire, respect, safety, punctuality, reliability)
- Daily journal and log
- Submission of a Comprehensive Portfolio and Poster/PowerPoint to demonstrate attainment of MPH competencies

# Practicum Placements

## – South Florida –

- Affirming YOUTh Foundation, Inc.
- Behavioral Science Research Institute
- Baptist Health South Florida
- Community Health Empowerment Network, Inc.
- Florida Department of Health (Several Counties)
- Jackson Health System
- Survivor's Pathway
- World AIDS Museum

# Practicum Placements

## – Florida International University –

- Global Health Consortium
- Center for Children and Families
- Community Based Research Institute
- Department of Psychology
- EMBRACE
- Healthy Living Program
- Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine/NeighborhoodHELP
- Optical Imaging Laboratory, Department of Biomedical Engineering
- STATCONSULT

# Practicum Placements

## – U. S. and Internationally –

- Alaska Department of Public Health (Internship), Anchorage, AK
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Internship), Seattle, WA and Worldwide
- Florida Association of Health Plans (Internship), Tallahassee, FL
- Georgia State University (Internship), Atlanta, GA
- Men's Health Network, Washington, DC
- Prerana Reproductive Health Clinic – Mysore, India
- Tennessee Department of Health (Internship), Nashville, TN
- United Regional Health Care System, Wichita, TX
- Johnson & Johnson (Internship) – Philadelphia, PA

# Examples of Practicum Projects



## **Biostatistics:**

**Machine Learning Prediction Models for Patients on Mechanical Circulatory Support: Analysis of the Medical Information Mart for Intensive Care (MIMIC)-IV Database**

- **Baptist Health South Florida  
Department of Artificial Intelligence (AI)  
and Machine Learning (ML)**

# Examples of Practicum Projects

## Brain, Behavior and the Environment:

**Melodic Relief: Investigating the Efficacy of Music Therapy in Alleviating Anxiety During Frame Placement for Gamma Knife Procedures**

**- Miami Neuroscience Institute**

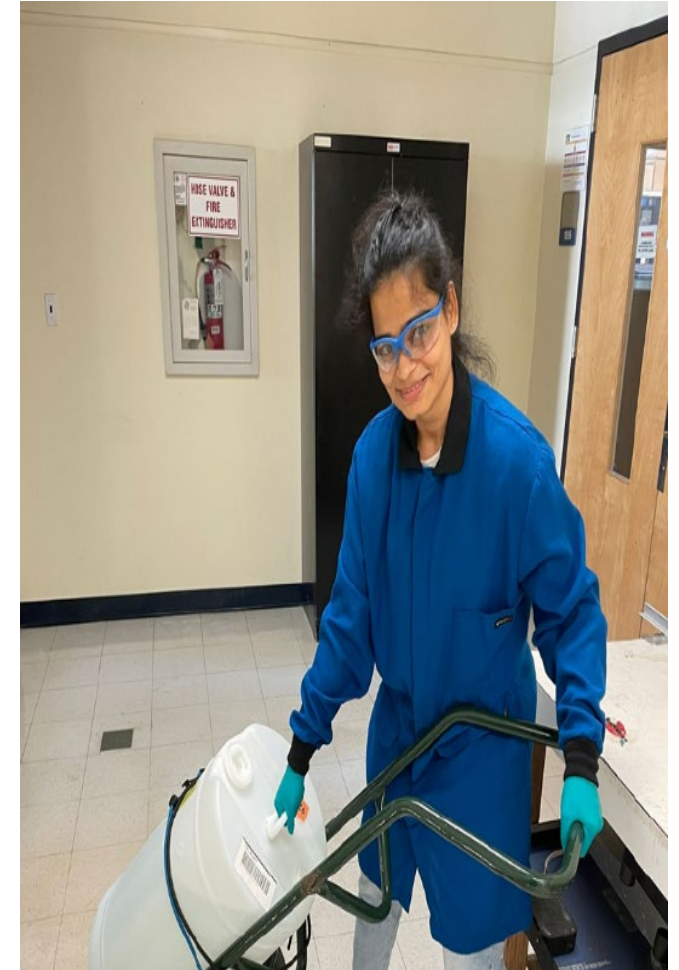


# Examples of Practicum Projects

## Environmental Health Sciences:

**Chemical Safety Compliance and Education: Strengthening Chemical Inventory, Waste Management, and Outreach at Florida International University**

**- Division of Environmental Health & Safety**

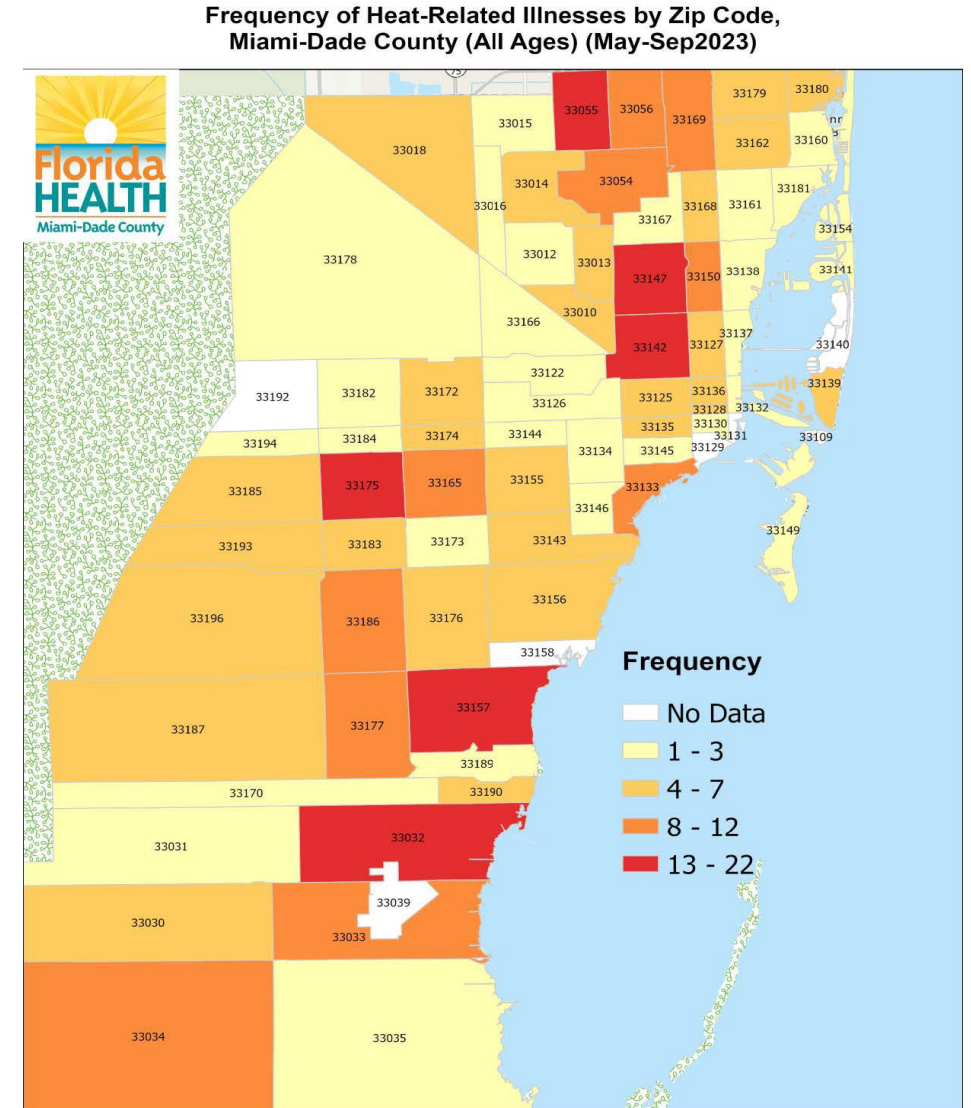
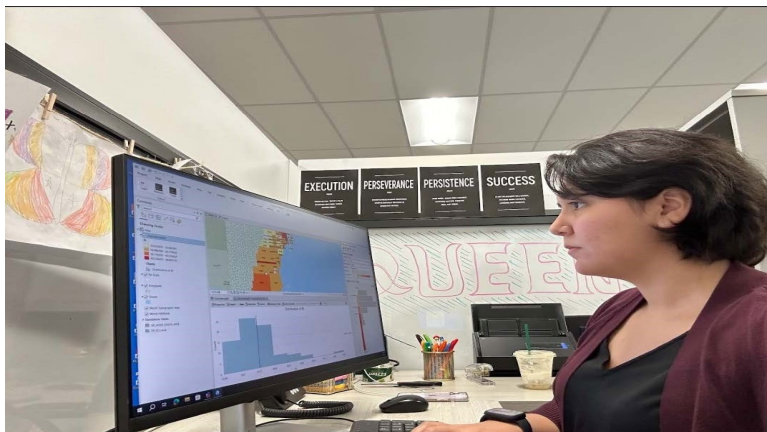


# Examples of Practicum Projects

## Epidemiology:

Using ESSENCE to Identify Heat-Related Illnesses in Miami-Dade County, FL from May – September 2023

- Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade, FL  
Office of Epidemiology and Disease Control



# Examples of Practicum Projects

## Infectious Disease Epidemiology:

Determination of Potential Risk Factors for *Candida auris*-associated Candidemia Amongst Colonized Individuals within a Large Health System

- Jackson Health System, Miami, FL
- Infection Control

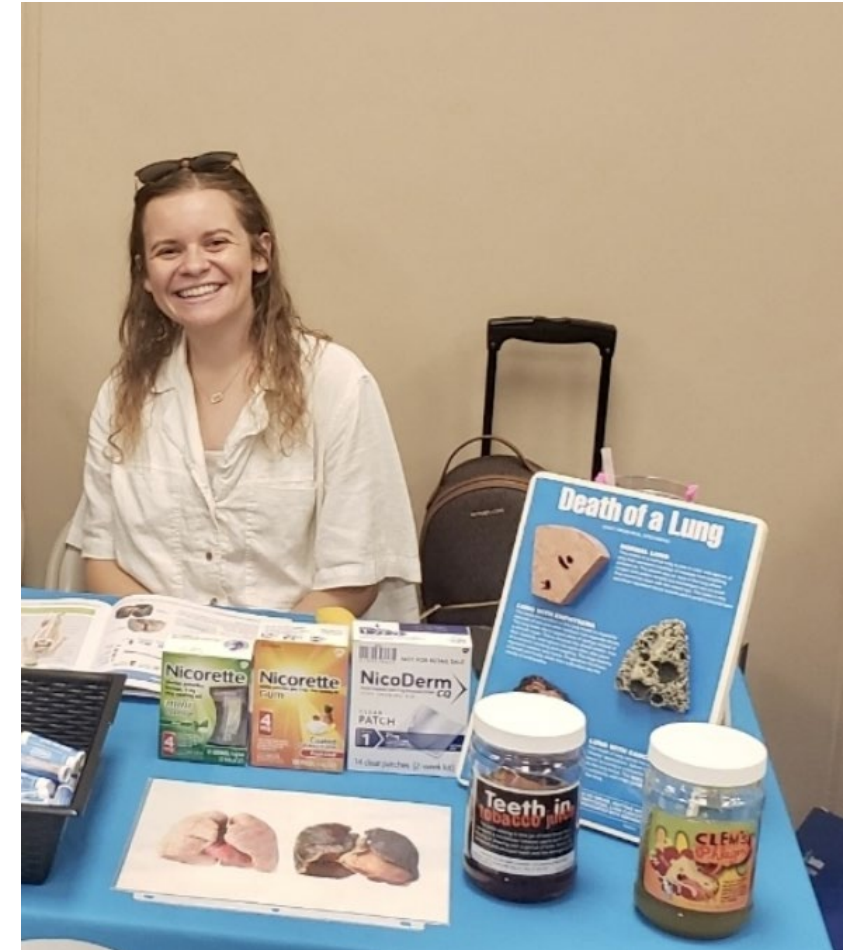


# Examples of Practicum Projects

## Health Promotion and Disease Prevention:

**Tobacco Education in Miami-Dade, FL**

**- Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center**



# Examples of Practicum Projects

## Maternal and Child Health:

### Understanding Stillbirth & Infant Loss: Investigating Existing Support Structures in Massachusetts Birthing Facilities

– Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston, MA

#### Environmental Scan Project Overview

##### Project

- An environmental scan of birthing facilities and a pediatric hospital (infant death only) across Massachusetts to assess current practices that facilities engage in after the loss of a fetus or an infant.

##### Objective

- To gain deeper insights into the protocols around the death of an infant/fetus and the bereavement assistance provided to families to develop a list of recommendations to ensure that birthing facilities are properly and equitably supporting families throughout their grieving period.

##### Target Audience

- The target audience for this project are Massachusetts birthing center healthcare providers and bereavement support staff.
- Sample frame for the stillbirth survey: 39 birthing facilities
- Sample frame for infant death survey: 39 birthing facilities & a pediatric hospital.



Map of 39 MA birthing facilities and 1 pediatric hospital

"We are a NICU...The deaths occur in the in-patient setting are almost never "sudden." We know that it is likely to occur and **typically have MANY discussions with families prior** and they are involved in the decision to withdraw care. When the death actually happens, we are constantly checking in. Nursing assignments are set up so that when a death happens, **the nurse has no other babies to care for, such that he/she can focus on supporting the family.**"

# Proposed Practicum Project



## Global Health\*:

The Impact of Cervical Cancer on Global Health

– Universidad del Valle

\* Global Health Fellowship in Cartagena, Colombia



# **Remember: The Practicum is a Process!**

***“Create a vision, understand what it  
takes for the vision to become reality,  
and make it happen.”***

**- PhilosoFlo**



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**THANK YOU!**

**ALL THE BEST WITH  
YOUR STUDIES!**

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# Meet Department Chair, Faculty, & Staff

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GL 137  
Department of Biostatistics (Bio)

GL 132  
Department of Environmental Health Sciences  
(EHS, BBE, & ET)

GL 139  
Department of Epidemiology (Epi, & Inf)

GL 166  
Department of Global Health (GH)

GL 100A  
Department of Health Promotion & Disease Prevention  
(HPDP, MCH, & HD)