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Welcome Public Health Students

Stempel College Fall 2026 Orientation
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Connect with Your Program

- Meet with the Public Health Coordinator
- Meet with the Practicum Coordinator
- Meet with your Department



Become Familiar with
your Student Center

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Presented by Zoraya Arguello
Public Health Sr. Coordinator





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Registering for Classes

Before registering, be sure to:

- Clear any registration holds (e.g., immunization requirements, residency verification, or international student insurance)
- Submit any required documents to the Student Academic Success Center (SASC)
- Activate your FIU email through the student portal
- Obtain your FIU One Card (student ID)
- Purchase a virtual parking permit if you plan to park on campus



Academic Advising



Meet with your faculty advisor each semester to plan courses, review degree requirements, and monitor your academic progress.

Consult your advisor about:

- Conditional admission requirements (such as GPA or transcript conditions)
- Taking a semester off
- Academic warning status
- Missing classes due to an emergency

Student Resources

Student Tools

- Canvas
- Parking Permits
- Student Health Services

Manage Classes

- Enrollment and Registration

Financial Account

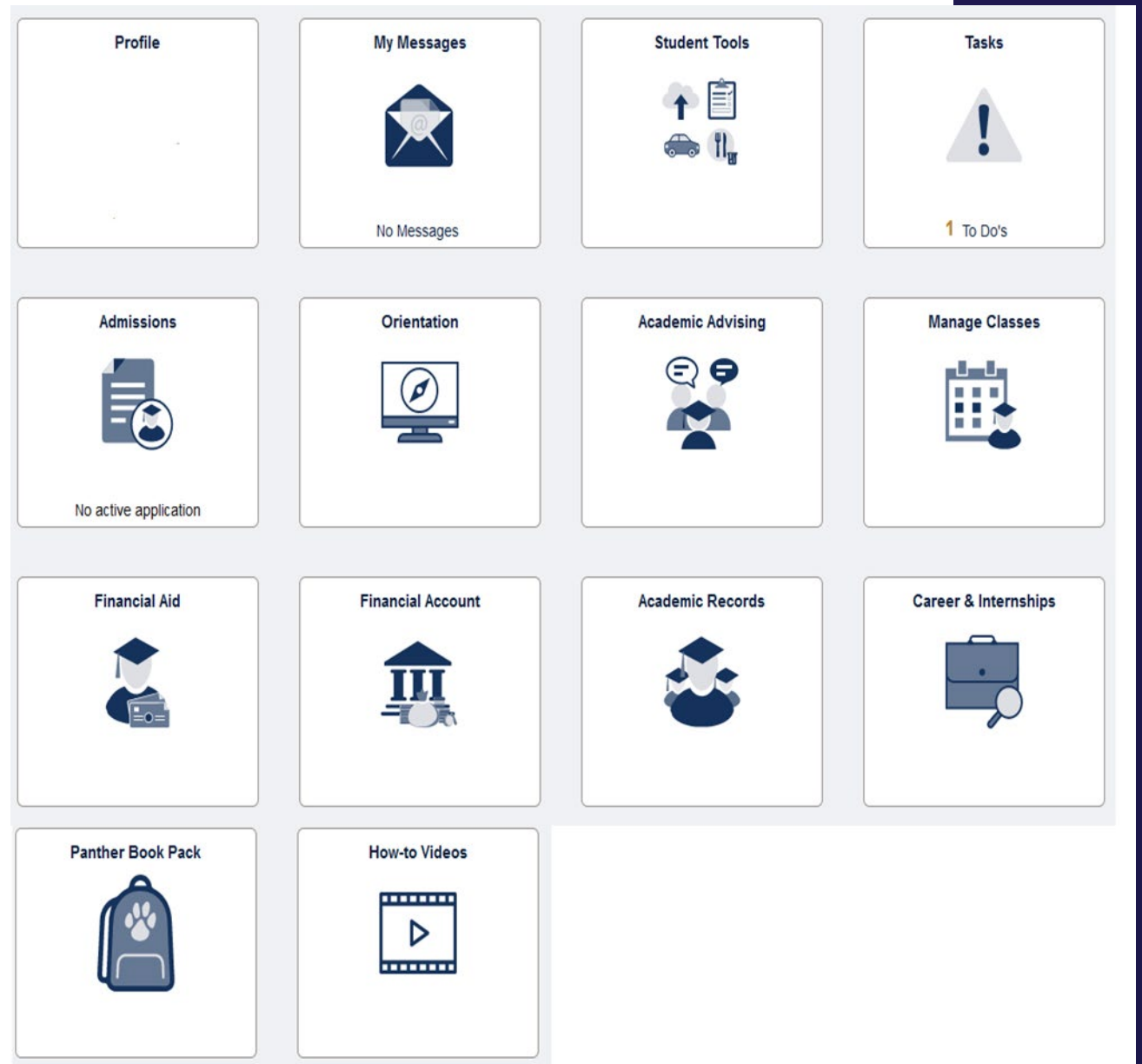
- Financials and Account Information

Academic Advising

- Degree Audit

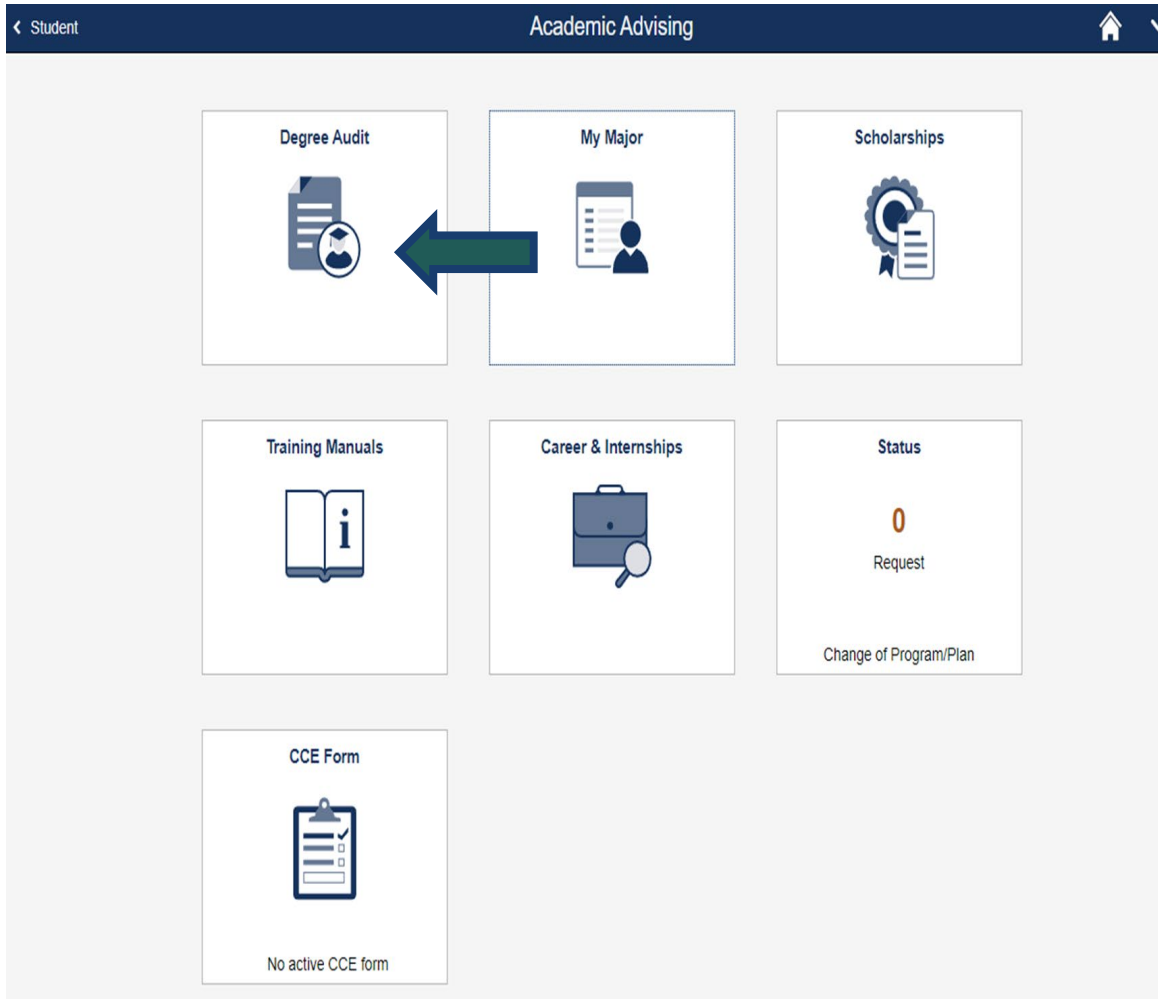
How-To Videos

- Class Search and Enrollment



Monitor Your Progress

Review your Panther Degree Audit regularly to track completed and in-progress coursework and ensure your academic records are accurate and up to date.



Panther Degree Audit

Prepared on 06/01/2026

Program	Requirement Term	Requirement Status
Graduate Career	Spring Term 2026	Not Satisfied
Public Health and Social Work Program	Spring Term 2026	
Public Health - MPH Major	Spring Term 2026	
Biostatistics Specialization	Spring Term 2026	

GENERAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS [RG4563]

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

6 Year Courses Limit

6 Year Courses Limit. Courses counting towards the degree requirements cannot be older than 6 years (Master's) or 8 years (MFA) by the time the degree is awarded.

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, 6.00 used, 9.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6000	Epi I: Intro PH Epi	3.00	SPR 2026	A-	EN	
PHC6052	Biostatistics I	3.00	SPR 2026	B+	EN	

Select From:

PHC 6102, PHC 6315, PHC 6410

SPECIALIZATION [RQ5126]

Complete the following:

Status: **Overall Requirement Not Satisfied**

Biostatistics Courses [RQ5126/LN20]

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
PHC6080	SAS Comp Health Science	3.00	SUM 2026		IP	
PHC6056	Long Hlt Data Analy	3.00	FALL 2026		IP	
PHC6064	Appl Stat Meth Discr Data	3.00	FALL 2026		IP	

Select From:

PHC 6055, PHC 6091

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 for Applied Biostat	3.00	SUM 2026		IP	

Select From:

PHC 6055, 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, 18.00 used, 27.00 needed

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6000	Epi I: Intro PH Epi	3.00	SPR 2026	A-	EN	
PHC6052	Biostatistics I	3.00	SPR 2026	B+	EN	
PHC6080	SAS Comp Health Science	3.00	SUM 2026		IP	
PHC6099	R for Applied Biostat	3.00	SUM 2026		IP	
PHC6056	Long Hlt Data Analy	3.00	FALL 2026		IP	
PHC6064	Appl Stat Meth Discr Data	3.00	FALL 2026		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	R for Health Data Science	3.00	SPR 2026	A	EN	
PHC6091	Biostatistics 2	3.00	SUM 2026		IP	

Panther Degree Audit

Prepared on 06/01/2026

<u>Program</u>	<u>Requirement Term</u>	<u>Requirement Status</u>
Graduate Career	Fall Term 2021	Not Satisfied
Public Health and Social Work Program	Fall Term 2021	
Public Health - PhD Major	Fall Term 2021	
Health Disparities Track	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: **Satisfied**

Application for Doctoral Candidacy [RQ5255/LN20]

Complete Form D2.

Status: **Satisfied**

Doctoral Dissertation Proposal [RQ5255/LN30]

Complete Form D3.

Status: **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**

9 Year Course Limit

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FIU GRADUATE GPA [RQ5309]

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PH:PHD IN HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION - HEALTH DISPARITIES [RG6239]

Complete the following.

Status: **In Progress**

REQUIRED COURSES [RQ6091]

Complete the following.

Status: **Satisfied**

Shared Core [RQ6091/LN10]

Complete the following courses.

Status: **Satisfied**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6091	Biostatistics 2	3.00	SPR 2022	A	EN	
PHC7705	Meth in Evid Bas PH	3.00	SPR 2022	A-	EN	
PHC7981	Research Concepts	3.00	SUM 2023	A	EN	
PHC8601	Emerging Iss in PH	3.00	FALL 2023	A-	EN	

Methods [RQ6091/LN20]

Complete 12 credits from the list below or other advisor-approved methods courses.

Status: **Satisfied**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC7198	Adv Qual in PH	3.00	FALL 2021	A	EN	
PHC7702	Adv Measurement	3.00	FALL 2022	A-	EN	
PHC7723	PH Survey Research	3.00	FALL 2022	A	EN	
PHC8706	Rsch Methods in PH	3.00	FALL 2021	A	IT	M

PHC 6706 has been directed to this line.

04/12/23, processed by Alfred Vizcarra, requested by Zoraya Arguello, PHC8706 subs for PHC6055.

Entered by: 1331620

Content [RQ6091/LN30]

Complete the following courses.

Status: **Satisfied**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC6443	Eth Issu Pub Heal	3.00	FALL 2021	A	IT	M
PHC7588	History and Foundation of PH	3.00	FALL 2021	B+	EN	
PHC7017	Adv Epi Health Disparity	3.00	SPR 2022	A-	EN	
PHC7587	Theory Health Promo	3.00	FALL 2022	A	EN	
PHC7584	Adv Research Designs	3.00	SPR 2023	A	EN	
PHC7162	Grant Writing	3.00	SPR 2023	P	EN	

PHC 7162 has been directed to this line.

03/28/23 Entered by Marco Echeverri, Approved by Zoraya Arguello. Course is approved

Entered by: 1682961

Secondary Field or Additional Concentration Outside of Major [RQ6091/LN40]

Complete 9 credits. See advisor for a complete list of options.

Status: **Satisfied**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC7466	Pol Advoc Health Disp	3.00	FALL 2021	A	EN	
PHC6530	Prin Mat Ch Health	3.00	FALL 2019	A	EN	
CYP6766	Cross Cult Sensitivi	3.00	SPR 2023	A	EN	

PHC 6530 has been directed to this line.

03/28/23 Entered by Marco Echeverri, Approved by Zoraya Arguello. Courses are approved

Entered by: 1682961

CYP 6766 has been directed to this line.

03/28/23 Entered by Marco Echeverri, Approved by Zoraya Arguello. Courses are approved

Entered by: 1682961

7000 Level Courses [RQ5022/LN40]

Verify 9 units of 7000 level courses taken as specialization.

Status: **Satisfied**

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Type	Repeat
PHC7198	Adv Qual in PH	3.00	FALL 2021	A	EN	
PHC7466	Pol Advoc Health Disp	3.00	FALL 2021	A	EN	
PHC7588	History and Foundation of PH	3.00	FALL 2021	B+	EN	
PHC7017	Adv Epi Health Disparity	3.00	SPR 2022	A-	EN	
PHC7587	Theory Health Promo	3.00	FALL 2022	A	EN	
PHC7702	Adv Measurement	3.00	FALL 2022	A-	EN	
PHC7723	PH Survey Research	3.00	FALL 2022	A	EN	
PHC7162	Grant Writing	3.00	SPR 2023	P	EN	
PHC7584	Adv Research Designs	3.00	SPR 2023	A	EN	

DISSERTATION REQUIREMENT [RQ6092]

Complete the following.

Status: **In Progress**

Dissertation [RQ6092/LN10]

Complete 24 credits of dissertation work.

Status: **In Progress**



University Graduate School Policies

Review the University Graduate School Policies and Procedures for important information, including:

- Conditional Admission for Master's Applicants
- Graduate Active and Full-Time Status
- Leave of Absence
- Incomplete Grades
- Time Limits for Degree Completion
- Academic Standing, Dismissal, and Readmission

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us.

We're here to help.



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Practicum in Public Health

Presented by:

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Associate Teaching Professor

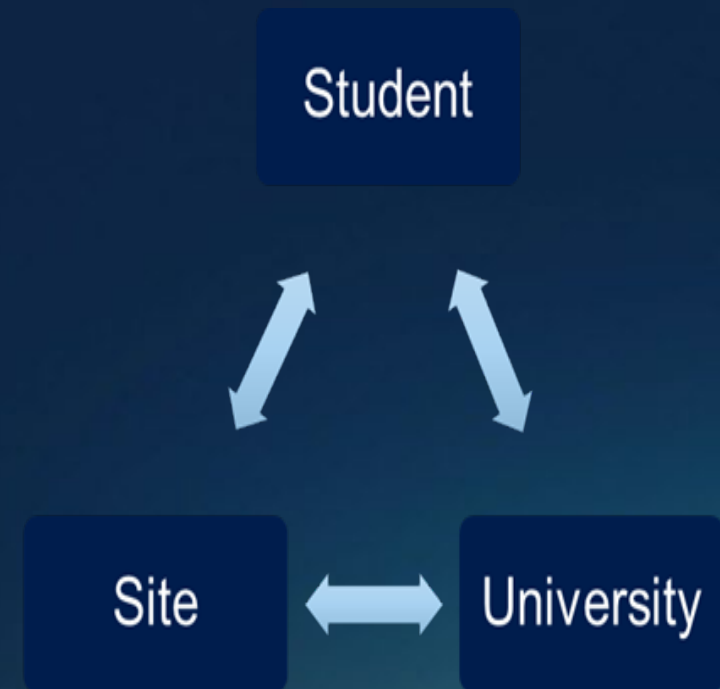
Public Health Practicum Coordinator

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

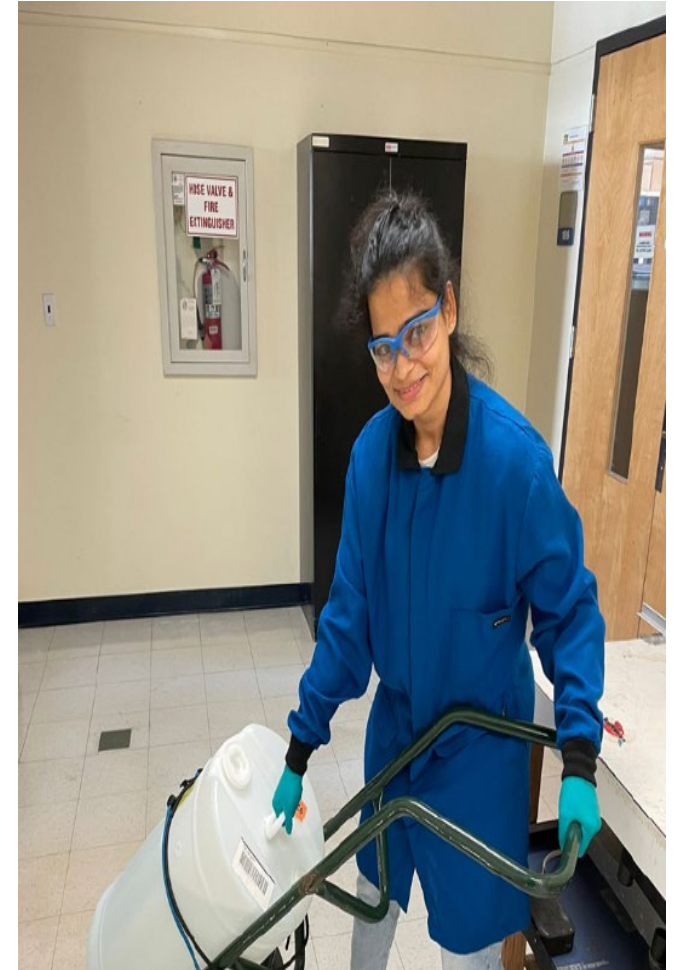


Examples of Practicum Projects

Environmental Health Sciences:

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

- Division of Environmental Health & Safety

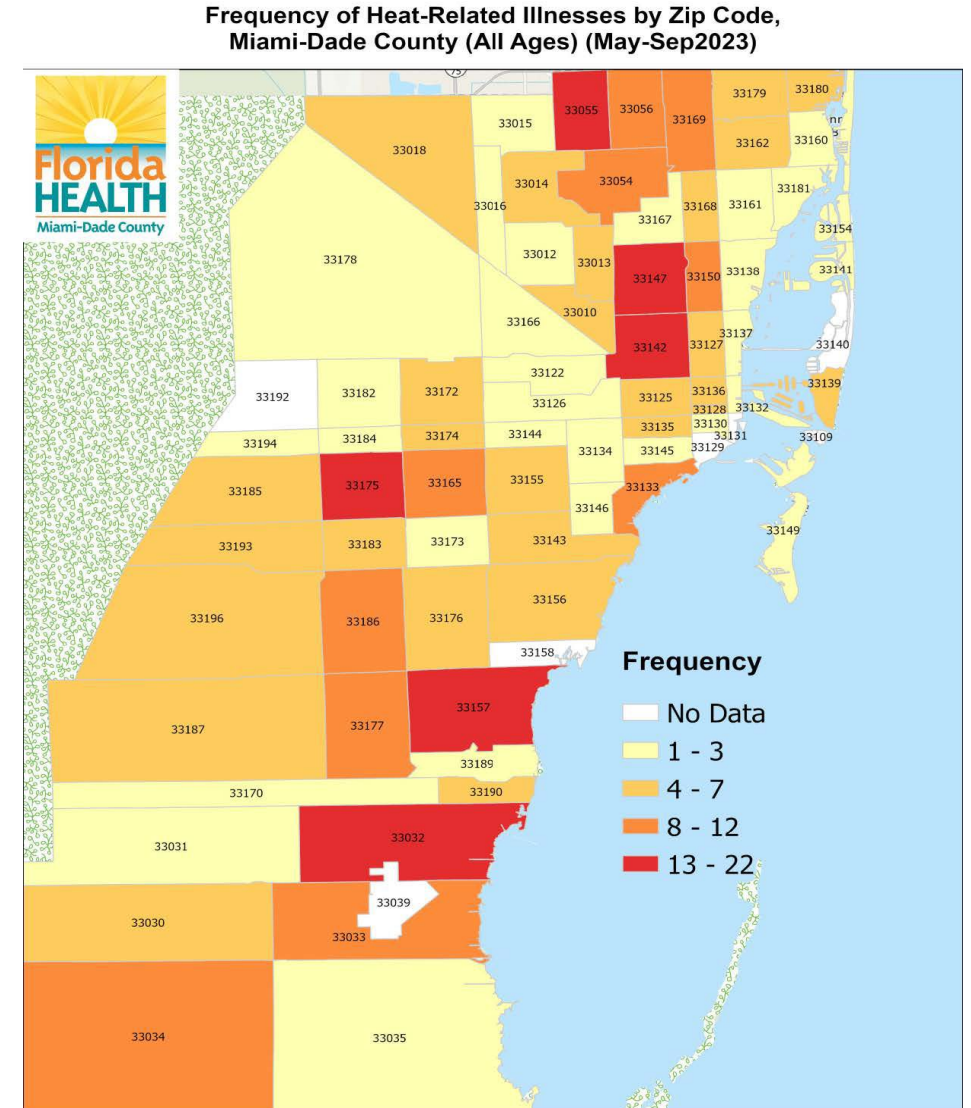
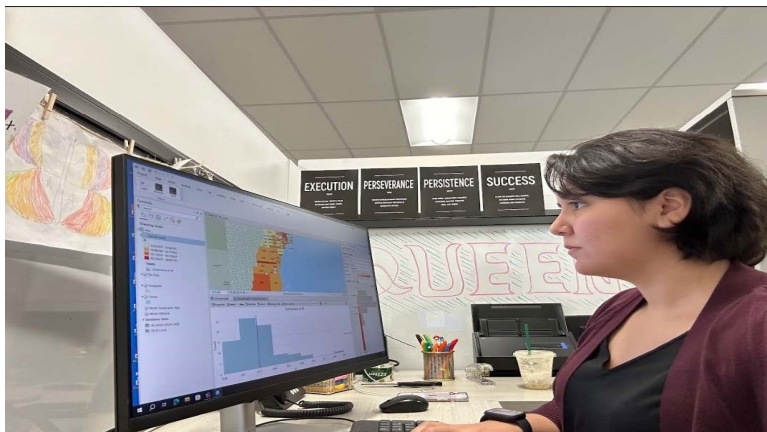


Examples of Practicum Projects

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

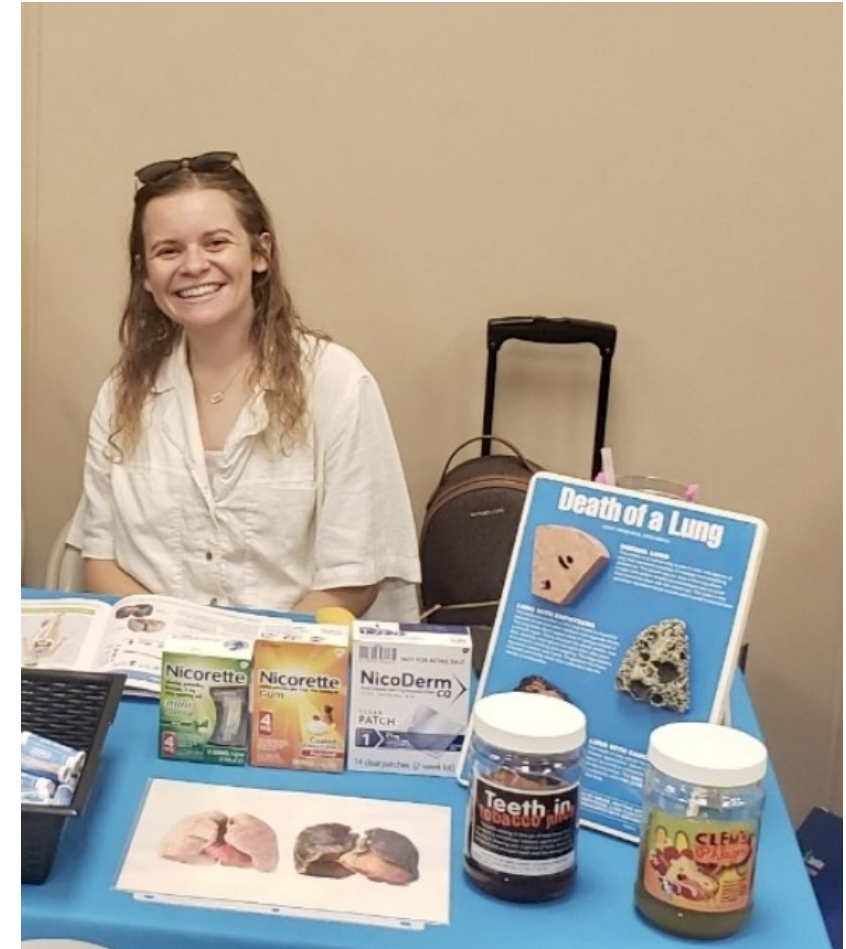


Examples of Practicum Projects

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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Global Health

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