

CRITERIA FOR A SUPERVISED FIELD STUDIES

Timing

The field experience follows the first year of academic study in public health, which ensures that you have the knowledge of core public health concepts and basic skills.

It is required that students have completed CHS 210, 211A and B prior to conducting their field studies.

It is recommended that students have completed Biostatistics 100A, Epidemiology 100, Health Services 100, and 3-4 additional courses in the Department of Community Health Sciences.

Length

The field experience consists of a minimum of 400 hours of supervised field work. Most students choose to complete this as a full time experience over the summer between the two years of study. It may be completed as a part-time or full time experience any time after the above requirements have been fulfilled.

Registration and Units

Students receive 4-units for their field experience. To receive credit, students enroll in CHS 400 (Dr. Prelip's section) after they have successfully completed their field work.

Site

Sites include a wide range of public health and social service organizations and research institutions in Southern California, the State, the Nation and internationally. The organization should have core public health concepts in its mission, expose students to a variety of public health disciplines, and provide opportunities to develop a professional network.

Preceptor

The preceptor is an experienced public health professional with recognized expertise in the student's area of interest. Generally, it is preferred that the preceptor has an MPH or another related advanced degree. The preceptor must demonstrate an interest in mentoring students and an understanding of the guidance a student will need.

Approval

Final approval of a field studies experience will be given by the Community Health Sciences faculty member dedicated to this function; currently this is Dr. Mike Prelip.