Pitt Public Health
Annual Practicum/Internship Symposium
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Welcome

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Practica Requirements

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e-Portfolio for MPH Practica

What is an e-portfolio?

- Online platform to manage & organize your:
  - achievement of competencies
  - deliverables completed for the agency/organization
- Selection of competencies assists with practicum structure
- Two deliverables to show off
- Both provide us with data to report to CEPH
I am a first-year MPH student in Pitt Public Health’s department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology’s Management, Intervention, and Community Practice program.

I am interested in the surveillance, prevention, and control of infectious diseases through a public health perspective.

My practicum at the County Health Department was a field experience necessary to be prepared after earning my degree and make communities safer.

**IDM-MIC Competency Met Through This Experience**
- IDM-MIC2 Demonstrate knowledge and approaches for behavioral and biomedical interventions to impact the prevention, control, and/or elimination of the emergence and spread of infectious diseases

**Foundational Competency Met Through This Experience**
- Competency 3 - Analyze quantitative and qualitative data using biostatistics, informatics, computer-based programming and software, as appropriate

**How I Met This Competency**
- The prophylaxis work at the County Health Department.
- I used ArcMap GIS software to plot the cases of rabies.

**How I Met My Competency**
- As part of my work on the Animal Bite Surveillance project, I had to clean and analyze animal bite data using the County Health Department’s database from the previous year’s data.

**Location of Internship/Practicum Experience:** County Health Department - Community Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

**Date of Internship/Practicum Experience:** 5/1-8/31

**Name of Supervisor/Preceptor:** J. Socool

**Number of Hours:** 200

**Description of My Experience:** For my practicum, I worked on the County Health Department’s annual Animal Bite Surveillance project. This project follows up on all animal bite exposures to prevent the spread of rabies. My team investigated and made recommendations for follow-up care and prophylaxis for rabies. I also helped to provide testing for animals involved in human exposure to determine whether prophylaxis was necessary.

My practicum project had two components:

1) To investigate reported animal bites via telephone calls with bite victims, pet owners, and health care providers to ensure proper follow-up and care.

2) Update the County Health Department’s database from the previous year’s data with animal control agencies and other community partners to ensure a timely manner, preparing tables and graphs for presenting animal bites from the previous year’s data.
e-Portfolio for MPH Practica

What you can do with your e-portfolio:

- Share photos
- Upload any media files
- Share internally & externally
- Use after graduation
Tips for Identifying Opportunities

Dr. Thistle Elias

BCHS Faculty
Practicum/Internship Opportunity

Bridging the Gaps

Dr. Thistle Elias
Bridging the Gaps-Pittsburgh: Summer Community Health Internship

Director: Dr. Thistle Elias
BTG Pittsburgh

- Interdisciplinary partnerships - paired across disciplines
  - Public health, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work
- Community engagement with underserved populations
  - Example programs for: homeless, IPV, teen pregnancy, refugees, drug and alcohol, vulnerable
- Collaborative project with community site
  - Develop tangible final product informed along the way by interactions with the population served
- Weekly seminars and readings
  - Discussion and speakers on topics that impact vulnerable populations
BTG-Pittsburgh Logistics

- Dates: June 7 - July 30, 2020 (8 weeks)
- Stipend: $3,000/tuition credit
- Competitive application process
  - Applications available: early December on BTG website
  - Apps due: early February
  - Select interviews: Feb - March
  - Decisions: just after spring break
Practicum/ Internship Opportunity

Allegheny County Health Department
and the Pittsburgh Summer Institute

Jamie Sokol, MPH
Allegheny County Health Department

Internship Opportunities
ACHD Internships

- Designed to develop public health practice skills based on core competencies
- Introduce public health practice in a governmental setting
- High priority projects and essential to delivery of public health services
  - “If you weren’t doing it, we would be!”
Local public health practice is always in action!

- All projects are designed to be a minimum of 200 hours (unless otherwise noted)
- Spring and Fall projects posted on Pitt Bridges and ACHD website
- Pittsburgh Summer Institute in Applied Public Health Practice
Pittsburgh Summer Institute (PSI) in Applied Public Health Practice

- Partnership between Allegheny County Health Department and Pitt Public Health
- 12 week internship program in applied public health practice
- Stipend upon completion
- To qualify, students must have completed at least one year of graduate coursework at Pitt Public Health
- Students are selected based on their experience, academic coursework, and topical interests
PSI Core Experience

All PSI students complete:
• Orientation
• Practice-based project (minimum 200 hours)
• Group project (10 hours)
• Mid-point or final presentation

Additional opportunities:
• Training
• Emergency preparedness drills and exercises
• Special initiatives
• Outbreak investigations
Selected Past Projects

**Bureau of Public Policy and Community Relations**
- Responder Safety and Health
- Campus Overdose Policies
- Tobacco Policy in the Retail Environment
- OBGYN and Midwifery Outreach for Lead Exposure
- Medical Reserve Corps Training

**Bureau of Administration**
- Public Health Workforce Development
- Financial Planning and Budgeting Analysis
- Applied Epidemiology Training Development

**Bureau of Assessment, Statistics, and Epidemiology**
- Environmental Justice
- Hepatitis C Surveillance
- Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response
- School Immunization Report
- Cancer Incidence Report
- Vector-borne Disease Surveillance

**Bureau of Community Health Promotion and Disease Prevention**
- Animal Bite Surveillance
- STD and HIV Surveillance Mapping
- Public Health Nursing Program Evaluation
- Live Well Allegheny Evaluation
- Public Health and Transportation in Allegheny County
- Women, Infants, and Children Clinic Flow Study

**Bureau of Environmental Health**
- Raccoon Rabies Oral Vaccination Program
- Compliance Manual of Hazardous Materials
- Lifeguard Availability Study
- Air Dispersion Analysis
- West Nile Virus Surveillance
- Asian Tiger Mosquito Surveillance
- Spatial Variation on Chronic Disease Outcomes
Important info!

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ACHD Internship Postings:
http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/Careers/Student-Opportunities.aspx

Pittsburgh Summer Institute Web Site
https://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/pittsburgh-summer-institute
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Expo Program

Kim Francis, MPH
Experiential Learning Opportunities (EXPO)

Field Placements and Collaborative Projects

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Our mission

"The mission of the Public Health Training Center (PHTC) Program is to improve the nation's public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competence of the current and future public health workforces thereby improving the infrastructure of the public health system."
Who we are and what we do

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center

• is a partnership among schools of public health, academic institutions, and public health agencies and organizations

• enhances the capabilities of the public health workforce to support the delivery of high quality public health services throughout the Mid-Atlantic region

• is part of the national network of public health training centers funded by HRSA, the Health Resources and Services Administration

• engages state and local public health agencies to serve public health and health care practitioners across Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C., and West Virginia

• supports personnel from community-based agencies that connect underserved populations to preventive and clinical services in the region

• offers two experiential learning opportunities (EXPO) for graduate students in public health: EXPO Field Placements and EXPO Collaborative Projects

The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health serves as the Central Office for the MAR-PHTC.
Where we are

- Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health
- West Virginia University School of Public Health
- DC Health
- DC Primary Care Association
- Delaware Department of Health and Social Services
- Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers
- Virginia Community Healthcare Association
- Virginia Department of Health
- West Virginia Local Health Inc.
Our team

University of Pittsburgh
Graduate School of Public Health
Center for Public Health Practice
## Examples of 2019 Field Placements

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<td>Dover, DE; DHSS Division of Public Health</td>
<td>DHSS Medical Marijuana Program: Education and Training for Medical Professionals</td>
<td>Developed training modules that incorporate state regulations, prescriber responsibilities, dispensing rules, legal risks, and patient counseling.</td>
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<td>Pittsburgh, PA; University of Pittsburgh Medical Center</td>
<td>UPMC Legal Department Externship</td>
<td>Assisted attorneys with projects including research, writing, drafting agreements, organizing information, and participating in the creation/delivery of presentations.</td>
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<td>Huntington, WV; Cabell-Huntington Health Department</td>
<td>Community Health Assessment Research and Analysis</td>
<td>Updates the Cabell-Huntington Health Department’s Community Health Assessment through data research and analysis.</td>
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## Examples of 2019 Collaborative Projects

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<td>Pitt Public Health</td>
<td>Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Methadone Clinic Access</td>
<td>Examines the driving time from country population centers in Pennsylvania and methadone clinics to determine correlations between drive times and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome rates.</td>
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<td>University of Pittsburgh</td>
<td>Pitt Moves!</td>
<td>This student initiated project introduced physical activity breaks in 10 course at Pitt Public Health. Students received exercises to perform during class breaks.</td>
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<td>West Virginia University</td>
<td>Now is the Time – Project Aware</td>
<td>The project helped increase awareness of mental health issues across West Virginia by training schools and affiliated personnel who interact with school-aged youth.</td>
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Site-initiated EXPO Field Placements for 2020

- Birmingham Free Clinic: Addressing the Social Determinants of Health in Chronic Disease Management – Pittsburgh, PA
- Cabell-Huntington Health Department: Administration Internship (4 placements) – Huntington, WV
- Casa San Jose Evaluation of the Front Desk Program – Pittsburgh, PA
- Delaware Division of Public Health: Climate Change Impact on Health and Vulnerable Populations – Dover, DE
- Delaware Division of Public Health: Departmental Reaccreditation Project – Dover, DE
- Delaware Division of Public Health: Inspection Guidelines for Vendors of Cannabis-infused Edibles – Dover, DE
- Delaware Division of Public Health: Suicide Surveillance in Delaware – Dover, DE
- Magee Women’s Research Institute and Foundation Community Opioid Project: Marijuana Study – Pittsburgh, PA
- Magee Women’s Research Institute and Foundation Community Opioid Project: Talking to Pregnant Patients – Pittsburgh, PA
EXPO Collaborative Projects for 2020

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education Public Health Brief

The purpose of this project is to develop public health briefs that educate legislators about the importance of SNAP-Ed in Pennsylvania. The student will investigate the local SNAP-Ed programs in Pennsylvania and detail activities in each legislative district over time. The briefs will provide a concise, clear, and impartial foundation for anyone seeking to understand SNAP-Ed and its importance to low income families.
Thank you!

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Student Panel

Alison Decker, BCHS MPH student | Allegheny Reproductive Health Center

Eli Lovelace, BIOST MS student | VA & CHERP

Guy Agostinelli, EPIDEM MPH student | Children’s Hospital

Jordan Bullock, HPM MPH student | Outreach Teen and Family Services

Jodi Kutzner, HUGEN MPH student | The National Coordinating Center for Regional Genomics and LEND Fellowship

Dzigbordi Kamasa-Quashie, IDM MPH student | CDC

Panel Moderated by: Robin Leaf
Networking Session | Commons | 7pm

Speak to individuals from:
Allegheny County Health Department
Bridging the Gaps
EXPO Program
Jewish Healthcare Foundation
Infinite Lifestyle Solutions
Pittsburgh Summer Institute
Student Panelists

Obtain Resources from:
Career Services Office
e-Portfolio and Practicum Requirements
Pittsburgh & Region Non-Profits
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