TRIUMPH MD-MPH Information:

Students in the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program must complete a 6-credit, 400-hour field experience. Students may combine the TRIUMPH project and the MPH 6 credit, 400 hour experience into one project, which will span 2.5 years and represent 480 hours of total effort (80 hours in the M3 year and 400 hours during MPH and M4 years). Note: only hours in the MPH and M4 years count towards the 400 hour MPH degree requirement. The Field Experience requirement provides students with practical experience in a public health setting that allows them to apply and incorporate skills and knowledge that they have acquired during their didactics.

Students also complete a Capstone Project, which serves as a culmination of didactic and experiential learning, by writing a scholarly paper, orally defending the Capstone paper and delivering a presentation choosing one of three options: orally, poster or in a digital story format. The Capstone Project is traditionally tied to the student’s Field Experience.

Three options exist for TRIUMPH students to complete the MPH Field Experience/Capstone project:

1. Further develop their assigned TRIUMPH Project
2. Develop a separate field experience project at their TRIUMPH site
3. Pursue a field experience project at an entirely different community organization

The Community Mentor role with the TRIUMPH-MPH student includes:

1. Assisting the student in developing the project. See the specific elements of the MPH Field Experience included in the Field Learning Agreement.
2. Serving as a preceptor to guide and oversee the student’s project
3. Evaluating the student’s performance
4. Serving on the capstone committee

Early planning is the key to a successful TRIUMPH-MPH Field Experience. Both the student and community organization will benefit from thoughtful development. Students will be arranging a follow-up meeting with their community and academic mentors when project specific details can be discussed. Please contact Michelle Buelow (info below) with questions as each TRIUMPH student will have a unique situation.

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