Public Health 195W, Practicum at UCDC or UC Sacramento

Guidelines:

You may be able to complete the internship part of Public Health Practicum of PH 195W through either the UCDC or the UC Sacramento programs, earning hours in the field during the one quarter away while turning in assignments electronically and followed by attending class and completing the writing portion upon returning the next quarter.*

This option applies to candidates for both the Public Health Science and the Public Health Policy degrees. Requirements are (5): application with acceptance to the UCDC or UC Sac program, application to the PH 195W Practicum course, approval by the Faculty Practicum Director and the Practicum Coordinator, and enrollment as a full-time student both quarters for at least 12 units. Note: the Practicum and the writing portions of PH 195W must be completed in two successive quarters.

Contacts:  Dr. Shari Stern: Faculty Practicum Director, smstern@uci.edu
            Stephanie Leonard: Practicum Coordinator, stephapl@uci.edu
            Sharon Parks: Associate Director, UCDC Academic Internship, sparks@uci.edu
            Bob Gomez, Assistant Director, UCDC Summer Internship, rgomez@uci.edu

Prior to Departure:

1. Apply for the UCDC or UC Sac program by the deadline.
2. Meet with Sharon Parks or Bob Gomez (academic year contact or summer contact) to go over UCDC potential Practicum sites and other UCDC information. (Please not this is optional, but highly recommended.)
3. Meet with Stephanie Leonard to go over general instructions and guidelines for Practicum. (Please note this is required and must be completed before you leave.)
4. Meet with Dr. Stern (Please note this is required and must be completed before you leave.) You will discuss details of any assignments you may receive while away, an overview of the second quarter writing portion of PH 195W, and suggestions for a successful academic quarter and internship experience.
5. Complete and submit the Practicum application for PH 195W by the deadline.
6. Once you are notified that your Practicum placement has been approved, enroll in PH 195W for the following quarter. Including PH 195W, you must be enrolled full-time for at least 12 units while you will be away.

While you are in DC or Sacramento:

1. During the first week in the UCDC or UC Sac program, finalize the Practicum site. Email the Practicum Coordinator, Stephanie Leonard and inform her of the chosen site by 5 pm Friday of the first full week of the quarter. Proceed with the required weekly hours (totaling 100 hours.)
2. You will have required assignments to submit through the EEE dropbox during your internship that will assist you in your analysis of your site and provide written information useful for the writing section upon your return to UCI. You will also send weekly or bi-weekly updates on your progress in your internship to the faculty preceptor. At the end of the quarter, you will receive an In-Progress (IP) grade, which will be replaced by a letter grade when you complete the writing portion of PH 195W the following quarter.
3. During your UCI enrollment window in the quarter you are away, email the Practicum Coordinator, Stephanie Leonard, to reserve your place for the subsequent writing portion of the course. You will NOT be officially enrolled in the class upon your return.

Upon Return the Next Quarter:

1. You will attend PH 195W and complete your remaining assignments, using your previous internship experiences as the basis for discussions and some of your papers.
2. You must be enrolled in 12 units (full-time) while completing the writing portion of PH 195W.

*NOTE: Students who do not intend to use their UCDC or UC Sacramento internship for their public health Practicum should enroll in University Studies 195 rather than PH 195W to earn academic credit for their internship experience. Completion of University Studies 195 does not take the place of the Public Health Practicum requirement and completion of PH 195W for public health majors.

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