Eligible students majoring in Public Health Science and/or Public Health Policy have the option to complete the internship component of the Public Health Practicum requirement through the UCDC program. Students will complete their internship hours during the quarter they are in DC. The quarter following the student’s return to UCI, he or she must enroll in 195W and complete the in-person-course portion of the Practicum requirement.

In order for a student’s internship in the UCDC program to count towards their required PH 195W requirement, the following criteria must be met:

1. Acceptance to the UCDC program.
2. Receive an offer to complete an internship at a site applicable to the field of public health.
3. Submit the UC Sacramento/UCDC Internship Information form to Practicum Coordinator three (3) weeks prior to start of UCDC program.
4. Be eligible to take PH 195W by meeting course prerequisites (see UCI catalog for more information).

*Note: The internship portion and the writing portion of PH 195W must be completed in two consecutive quarters. If interested student is a fourth year Public Health Science and/or Public Health Science student, he or she must discuss with the Practicum Coordinator if it is a feasible option based due to program graduation requirements.

**Preparation:**

1. Meet/discuss with UCDC Academic Internship representative to go over UCDC potential Practicum sites and other UCDC information.
2. Discuss with Practicum Coordinator all general instructions and guidelines for Practicum. (Please note this is required and must be completed before you leave). Students will discuss an overview of the second quarter writing portion of PH 195W, and suggestions for a successful academic quarter and internship experience.
3. Finalize Practicum/internship site prior to departure and send site supervisor contact information to Practicum Coordinator.
4. Submit the UC Sacramento/UCDC Internship Information form to Practicum Coordinator three (3) weeks prior to start of UCDC program. Form may be accessed in the Public Health website at:


**While in DC:**

1. Complete a minimum of 100 hours at internship site.
2. Enroll in PH 195W for the following quarter when normal UCI course registration window opens. Please check WebReg for this information.

**Upon Return the Next Quarter:**

1. Submit the online Site Confirmation form for UCDC (found in the Practicum Catalog under the UCDC site listing).
   a. Please note that students will submit this form for the quarter he or she will be at UCI taking the writing portion of the course. For example: if student is in DC for the fall quarter, he or she will submit the enrollment form for the winter quarter.
   b. Make sure to submit the online enrollment form by the deadlines listed for each quarter.
2. Attend PH 195W (lecture and discussion) and complete all course assignments, using the UCDC internship experience as the basis for discussions and papers.

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*NOTE: Completion of University Studies 195 does not take the place of the Public Health Practicum requirement.*