Master of Public Health Practice Experience

Epi 525

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Agenda
- PE Info (15 minutes)
- Question and Answer (15 minutes)

Warmup Questions

- Returning students?
- New students?
- Came to the intro session at the Fall Welcome?
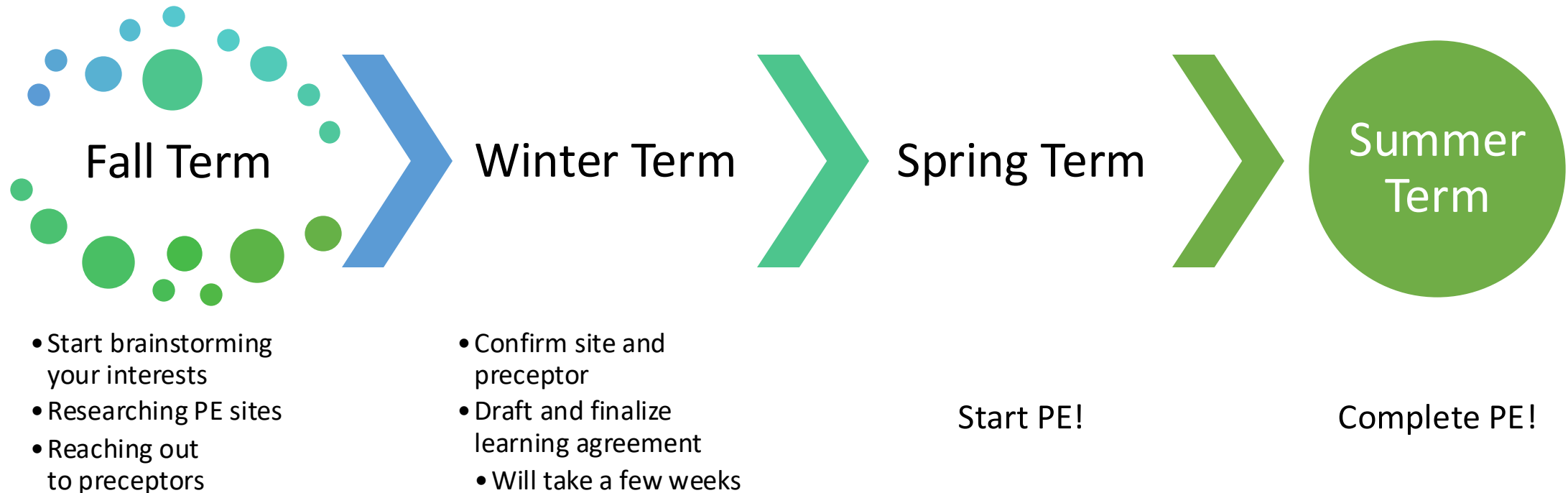- Any other programs besides BSTA/EPI?

Practice Experience (PE)

- Required of all MPH programs

- Opportunity to take the knowledge and skills from your MPH coursework and apply them to public health topics in workplace settings

- You must complete all 5 core MPH courses
  - Intro/Est. and Hypothesis Testing for Applied Biostatistics, Epidemiology I, Concepts of Environmental Health, Health Systems Organization, Principles of Health Behavior

- May need/want additional courses to successfully complete your PE

- BSTA + EPI Students – need BSTA/EPI (EPI 536) program courses

Practice Experience (PE)

- 4 credits = ~160 contact hours

- Can be completed over 1 or 2 terms (or more)
  - Approx. 8 hours/week if completed over 2 terms **[recommended]**
  - Approx. 16 hours per week if completed in 1 term

- Demonstrate 5 learning competencies via at least 2 deliverables
  - CEPH MPH Foundational Competency 6 (discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities, and racism undermine health and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community, and systemic levels) required for ALL
  - Two additional CEPH MPH Foundational Competencies
  - Two MPH Program Competencies from your MPH Program

- **You are responsible for finding and securing your PE opportunity**

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PE Preparation: TWO TERMS in advance

Fall Term
- Start brainstorming your interests
- Researching PE sites
- Reaching out to preceptors

Winter Term
- Confirm site and preceptor
- Draft and finalize learning agreement
  - Will take a few weeks

Spring Term

Start PE!

Summer Term

Complete PE!

PE Website: https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/applied-learning-experience/practice-experience/

Talk with your program's PE/IP coordinator to get guidance on what is an appropriate PE.

Where to search?

- EXXAT (https://steps.exxat.com/)
- SPH Jobs Page
- SPH Grad Listserv
- Class Guest Speakers
- PE Oral Presentations during finals week
- Faculty Advisor, PE/IP Coordinator, Mentors
- Other students, recent alum, personal contacts

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Placements
- ANYWHERE PUBLIC HEALTH HAPPENS
- Public Health Agencies
- Non-Profits/CBOs/NGOs
- For-Profits
- Research/Academia

Can
- **Get PAID**
- Complete PE with your current employer
  - PE/deliverables must map to competencies, don't recommend the same supervisor for both
- Complete with SPH faculty, but not recommended and NEED an external partner

Can't
- Not demonstrate public health competencies
- Do individual work (direct patient, client, or clinical work)

Before you can register/start your PE!

Requirements

- PE/IP Info Session
- Canvas Orientation quiz (need to email me your PSU email)
- Learning Agreement (due term before PE; need to have site confirmed)

Possible Requirements

- Affiliation Agreements
- IRB Approval (if research is involved)
- International placement paperwork (if in-person abroad)

PE Academic Assignments

Midway Progress Report

- Due halfway through the PE

Portfolio & Deliverables

- Due week 10 of the last term of the PE
  - Includes the 2 deliverables demonstrating 5 chosen competencies

Oral Presentation

- 20-minute presentation + 10-minute Q & A

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Deliverable Examples

Data Collection Plan	Qual/Quant Data Analysis Plan
Communication Materials	Data Analysis
GIS Map	Program script
Program Evaluation	Draft Manuscript Sections
Literature Review	Statistical Output
Survey Instrument	External-facing community engagement summary
Focus Group Protocol	Systems Thinking Diagram
Healthcare Network Map	Curriculum
Statewide Program Census	Report
Toolkit	Website/App

Resources

Program PE/IP Coordinators

Director of Applied Learning (me!)

SPH Website PE/IP Pages

MPH PE/IP Events Calendar

OHSU/PSU Academic Calendars

https://linktr.ee/jljones_sph

Questions?

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