

HOW TO FIND A **PRACTICUM SITE**



1) Discover your interests in public health

The first step to finding a potential Practicum site is to understand your interests. This includes understanding your passions, location, workplace preferences, and key populations you may want to work with.



2) Define your desired work capacities/functions

Once you have established your interests, you need to define what type of work you want to engage in or find the most interesting. This is what will help make your Practicum tailored to your personal career goals.



3) Find organizations/places of work and job titles that fit your work functions

Tip: Check the lists on each department-specific page for helpful job search terms related to your area of interest!

CONSIDER YOUR MUSE!

Meet your Practicum team to explore areas of professional interest

- *Could be place of work*

Utilize the vast GW network

- *Capitalize on the connections of your professors*
- *Connect with your peers- many are working within the public health field*
- *Contact alumni*

Seek out public health job and volunteer boards, such as:

- *Association job boards and/or member lists i.e. APHA*
- *Idealist.org*
- *Volunteer Match*
- *PublicHealthJobs.com*
- *Department Newsletters*

Establish a relationship with the GWSPH Career Services team

- *Attend Career Services events such as the Practicum Fair*

For more information and resources for your Practicum site search, visit
<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/content/apex-practicum-epr>

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PUBLIC HEALTH IS EVERYWHERE!

Even if you haven't yet determined your specific interests in public health, you can still search for a Practicum site as a public health generalist!

GENERAL KEY JOB/SITE SEARCH TERMS

Administrator/Healthcare Administrator	Health Education
Advisor	Health Informatics
Analyst/Health Analyst/Public Health Analyst	Health Insurance Specialist
Assistant/Program Assistant/Research Assistant	Informatics
Associate/Program Associate/Research Associate	Intern
Bioinformatics	Officer/Health Officer
Campaign/Health Campaign	Outreach Specialist
Clinical/Clinical Research	Policy/Policy Research
Communication(s)/Health Communication(s)	Program Assistant/Program Coordinator
Community/Community Health	Program Manager
Consultant/Healthcare Consultant	Public Health Specialist
Data/Data Analysis	Research Assistant/Research Associate
Graduate/Graduate Assistant	Statistics
Health	Wellness/Wellness Coach
Healthcare	
Health Coach	

Keep in mind that this list is not exhaustive! Talk to your Practice Team for additional assistance during your search.

Click [here](#) for more information from the GWSPH Career Services General Public Health Career Option Sheet!

EPIDEMIOLOGY/BIOSTATISTICS

COMMON WORK FUNCTIONS

- Research/Data Analysis
- Surveillance
- Field work



What can field work look like in Epi/Biostat?

- Collecting samples
- Conducting surveys
- Measuring qualitative data

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

- Health departments/government agencies
- Research labs
- Colleges or universities
- Healthcare organizations/community health centers

KEY JOB/SITE SEARCH TERMS

- Research
- Quantitative analysis
- Data management
- Statistical analysis
- Surveillance
- Contact tracing
- Infectious disease
- Monitoring & evaluation

Click [here](#) for more information from the GWSPH Career Services Epidemiology Career Option Sheet!

GLOBAL HEALTH

COMMON WORK FUNCTIONS

- Research/Data Analysis
- Policy/Program Management
- Field work

What can field work look like in Global Health?

- Responding to health crises on-the-ground
- Conducting surveys
- Supporting global health infrastructure.

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

- Government agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Consulting firms
- International development organizations

KEY JOB/SITE SEARCH TERMS

- Research
- Policy analysis
- Consulting
- Project/program management
- Government affairs
- International relations
- Communications
- Advocacy
- Grant writing

Click [here](#) for more information from the GWSPH Career Services Global Health Career Option Sheet!

PREVENTION & COMMUNITY HEALTH

COMMON WORK FUNCTIONS

- Policy/Program Management
- Research/Data Analysis
- Field work
- Education

What can field work look like in PCH?

- Health education
- Clinical care
- Surveillance/contact tracing

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

- Health departments/government agencies
- Healthcare organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Community-based organizations

KEY JOB/SITE SEARCH TERMS

- Research
- Policy analysis
- Data analysis
- Project/program management
- Community outreach
- Advocacy
- Education
- Grant writing

Click [here](#) for more information from the GWSPH Career Services Prevention & Community Health Career Option Sheet!

ENVIRONMENTAL & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

COMMON WORK FUNCTIONS

- Policy/Program Management
- Research/Data Analysis
- Field work

What can field work look like in EOH?

- Surveillance/field testing and research
- Inspection
- Sustainable infrastructure

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

- Health departments/government agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- For-profit organizations
- Consulting firms

KEY JOB/SITE SEARCH TERMS

- Research
- Policy analysis
- Consulting
- Project/program management
- Government affairs
- Communications
- Advocacy

Click [here](#) for more information from the GWSPH Career Services Environmental & Occupational Health Career Option Sheet!

HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT

COMMON WORK FUNCTIONS

- Policy/Program Management
- Research/Policy Analysis
- Lobbying

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

- Health departments/government agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Healthcare organizations
- Consulting firms

KEY JOB/SITE SEARCH TERMS

- Research
- Policy analysis
- Consulting
- Project/program management
- Government affairs
- Communications
- Advocacy
- Grant writing

Click [here](#) for more information from the GWSPH Career Services Health Policy & Management Career Option Sheet!

EXERCISE & NUTRITION **SCIENCES**

COMMON WORK FUNCTIONS

- Education
- Research
- Field work



What can field work look like in EXNS?

- Conducting surveys
- Fitness/nutrition education
- Wellness promotion

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

- Health departments/government agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- For-profit organizations
- Healthcare organizations

KEY JOB/SITE SEARCH TERMS

- Research
- Policy analysis
- Consulting
- Project/program management
- Community outreach
- Education
- Grant writing

Click [here](#) for more information from the GWSPH Career Services Exercise & Nutrition Sciences Career Option Sheet!