

Site Preceptor Qualifications

Skilled public health practitioners who are willing to serve as preceptors represent a critical component of the practicum experience. Site Preceptors should have sufficient relevant experience to mentor you and provide good learning experience enabling you to meet your learning objectives. For any specific sector of public health practice, we expect a preceptor to have either:

- A terminal degree (e.g., PhD, DrPH, or MD) and current, professional experience in public health;
- At least three years of fulltime, professional experience in public health in addition to a graduate degree in public health (MPH);
- At least five years of fulltime, professional experience in public health in addition to a graduate degree (MS, MA, MHA, MPA, etc.);
- At least ten years of fulltime, professional public health experience in addition to a bachelor's degree.

We recognize that people come to public health from a wide variety of backgrounds, however, so if you are uncertain whether your preceptor is sufficiently qualified, please contact your practicum director or ask the potential preceptor to do so in order to discuss the preceptor's qualifications. Your preceptor cannot be a GW student, recent graduate, or full-time GW faculty or staff member, but adjunct faculty may serve as preceptors at their places of primary employment.

All Site Preceptors are required to submit a [Preceptor Profile Application](#) if it is their first time serving in this capacity.