

SCHOOL POLICY

Section Title: Academic Matters

Policy Name: Award of Credit for Practice Experience Equivalent to Fieldwork for Preventive/
Occupational Medicine Residents

Responsible Executive: Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs

Responsible Office: Office of the Registrar

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Revisions:

I. PURPOSE

This policy defines the process for requesting academic credit toward the MPH degree for practice experience equivalent to Fieldwork.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Office of the Registrar is responsible for implementing this policy under the general direction of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

III. APPLICABILITY

Residents in preventive medicine, occupational medicine, aerospace medicine and public health or general preventive medicine programs completing their academic year in the School of Public Health may be awarded six Fieldwork credits for their Resident Practicum Experience. These students must still complete the Culminating Experience (final paper, oral presentation and self-assessment of competencies) as part of the MPH graduation requirements.

i. Eligibility

Students eligible for the Practice Experience Credit include matriculated students enrolled in the School of Public Health who are residents in preventive medicine, occupational medicine, aerospace medicine and public health or general preventive medicine programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The Practice Experience Credit is available to students after they complete, at a minimum, nine months of their residency practicum year.

ii. Applying for Practice Experience Credit

Current School of Public Health students who wish to apply for Practice Experience Credit must submit a completed Practice Experience Credit form and a letter from their Residency Director attesting to the completion of, at a minimum, the first nine months of the residency practicum year to the Office of the Registrar with copies to the student's Department Chair, the Fieldwork Coordinator and the Course Evaluation administrator.

iii. Practice Experience Credit and Maximum Transfer Credit

The credits awarded through the Practice Experience Credit do not count towards the maximum number of credits eligible for transfer in the MPH degree program. Please see the School Bulletin for more information about the number of maximum transfer credits (usually 12 credits) allowed for the MPH degree program.