



DREXEL UNIVERSITY
Dornsife
School of Public Health

APPLIED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Guidebook for MPH Students:
Examples of Projects and
Deliverables

2024



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APE REQUIREMENTS



As part of the curriculum, DSPH MPH students complete a formal practice requirement called the [Applied Practical Experience \(APE\)](#).

This 120-hour experience (commonly occurs in the spring/summer of Year 1) involves a supervised, hands-on opportunity within a public health practice setting, such as alongside one of DSPH's community partner organizations, at a student's current workplace, or any approved external site.

MPH students may secure placements through either:

- (1) independent networking,
- (2) with faculty mentor support,
- (3) through opportunities posted on [Simplicity](#) and [Handshake](#).

For more ways to find a project or internship, review the [Internship and Job Search](#) resources available on DASH.

The APE must produce at least two deliverables that demonstrate the attainment of five [CEPH Foundational Competencies](#), with the option of two additional major competencies.

The APE is distinct from the Integrated Learning Experience (ILE) because the duration is only one term and the activities do not have to relate to student's primary program of focus.

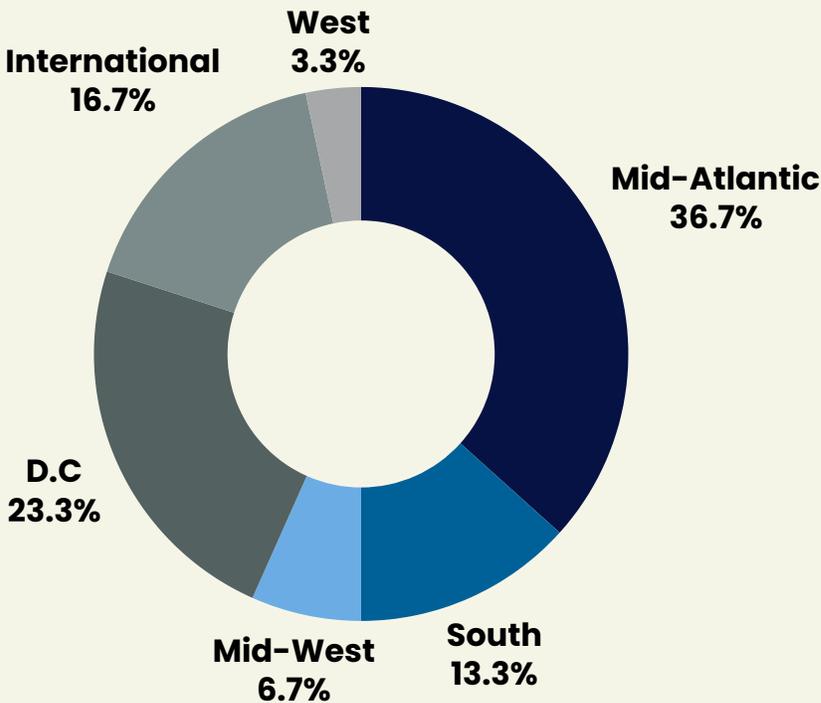
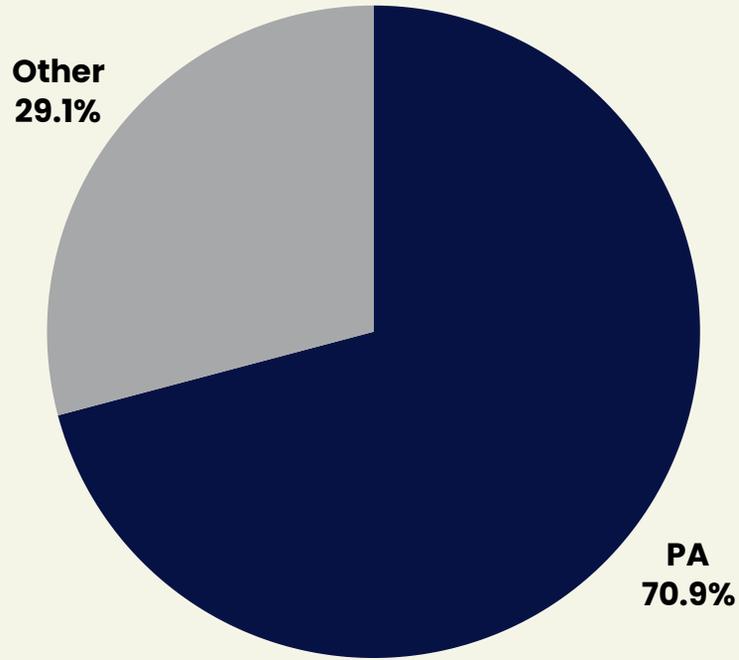
This project guide features examples of past student projects and is organized by location, by department, and by topic.

Students are encouraged to explore this guide for inspiration, for guidance as to what may be feasible, and to serve as conversation starters for working with a faculty mentor. It is not guaranteed that these or similar experiences will be available in any given year.

Questions about available opportunities similar to what is listed should be discussed with a student's faculty mentor or advisor.

LOCATION

Nearly **71%** of APEs in 2023 occurred in Pennsylvania (specifically Philadelphia.)



Domestic:
TX, CA, GA, D.C., NJ, NY

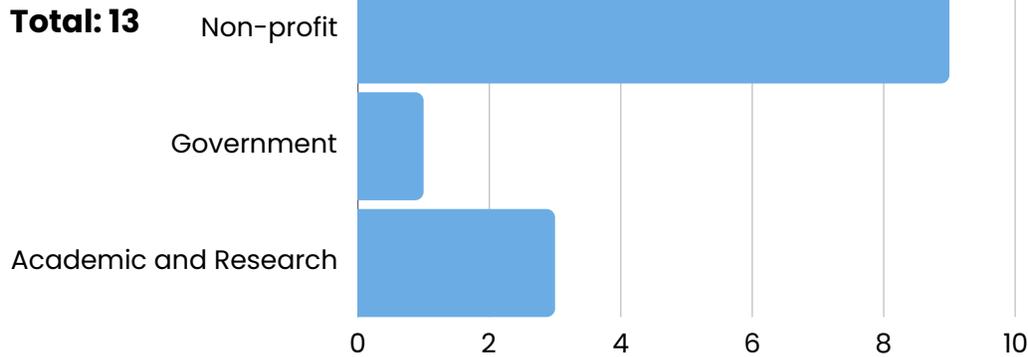
International:
India, Italy, Honduras

Some placements are remote.

DEPARTMENT

Community Health and Prevention

Total: 13



AIDS Care Group; CRISOL Mente; Ed Snider Youth Hockey & Education; HEAL Philadelphia; Mural Arts Philadelphia; NJ Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services; Northern Family Children's Services (Bridging The Gaps); Prevention Point; Rite Aid Pharmacy; WOAR Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence

NON-PROFIT & GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Resource guide
- Asset mapping
- PowerPoint presentation
- Progress report
- Literature review
- Policy brief
- Data collection
- Standard operating procedure document
- Poster presentation
- Clinic checklist
- Needs assessment
- Data analysis report

Drexel University College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health Center for Firefighter Injury Research & Safety Trends; ComPASS Coordinating Center

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

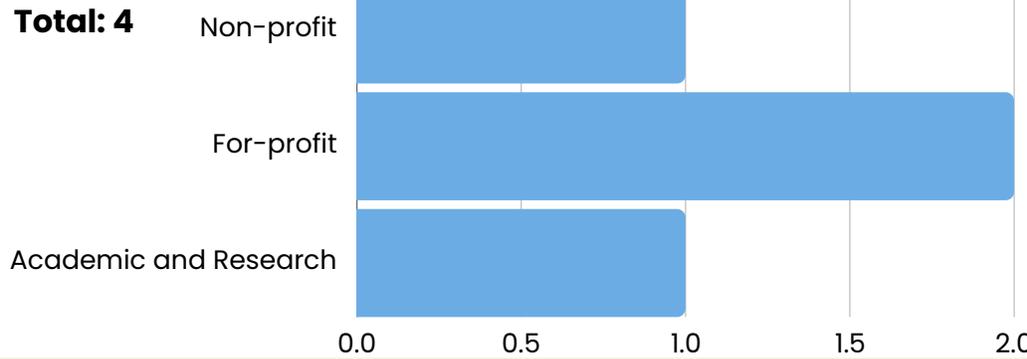
DELIVERABLES

- Developing abstract and oral presentation
- Academic poster and program evaluation

DEPARTMENT

Environmental and Occupational Health

Total: 4



Children's Environmental Health Network

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Policy draft
- Report presentation

Amtrak; Merck

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Project evaluation
- Infographic
- Hygiene report
- Report presentation

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ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

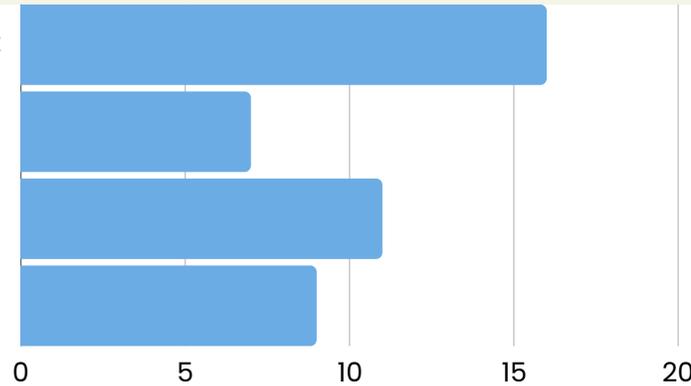
- Data analysis
- Report presentation

DEPARTMENT

Epidemiology

Total: 37

Non-profit
Hospital and Healthcare
Academic and Research
Public



AIDS Care Group; Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; AtlantiCare; Fenway Health; Inglis House (BTG); Lutheran Settlement House Internship Program; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Quest Diagnostics; SCHEQ Foundation; Share Food Program; South Philadelphia Community Fridge; The Task Force for Global Health; Trust for Reaching the Unreached (TRU); Turning Points for Children Food and Wellness Network (FAWN); Village Care Family Services; World Vision Honduras

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Trends report
- Data report
- Policy briefs, drafting, and memo
- Presentations
- Heat maps
- Survey report
- Program report and analysis
- Literature review
- Design a survey tool
- Academic brochure
- Educational poster
- Task scheduling and timeline draft
- Infographic and newsletter design
- Program evaluation
- Data cleaning and analysis
- Grant proposal
- Program evaluation report

A.J. Drexel Autism Institute; Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health Center for Firefighter Injury Research & Safety Trends; Drexel Food Lab; Drexel University Eat Right Philly; Health Equity Advancement Lab; University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing - BECCA Lab; University of Pennsylvania Center for Health Behavior Research; UPMC Hamot; Urban Health Collaborative

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Scientific report
- Poster
- PowerPoint presentation
- Policy report, document
- Comprehensive analysis report
- Quality analysis report
- Quality research brief
- Community engagement report
- Efficiency report
- Code book design
- Operations guide
- Data analysis
- Infographics
- Exploratory data analysis
- Policy review, tracking

DEPARTMENT

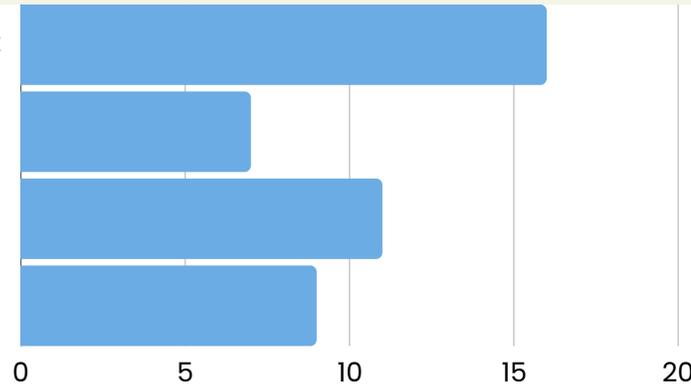
Epidemiology

Total: 37 Non-profit

Hospital and Healthcare

Academic and Research

Public



AstraZeneca; Delaware Valley Community Health; Grady Memorial Hospital; International Fund for Agricultural Development; Oneida County Health Department; Pennsylvania Department of Health; Philadelphia Department of Public Health Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health; Philadelphia Department of Public Health Prescription Assistance Program; Public Health Management Corporation Health Promotion Council

PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Training modules
- Business optimization report
- Academic poster
- Evaluation report
- Booklet
- Academic data report
- Community engagement report
- Survey tools
- Educational poster
- Develop educational tools
- Analysis report
- Manuscripts
- RSV analysis
- Interdisciplinary collaboration presentation

CHOP; Cornwall Regional Hospital; Independence Blue Cross; Iovance Biotherapeutics; St. Christopher's Hospital Center for the Urban Child; Tropical Metabolic Research Unit; Weill Cornell Medicine

HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Data extraction and analysis report
- Program evaluation report
- Longitudinal data analysis
- Clinical data presentation
- Video presentation
- Diversity plan
- PowerPoint presentation

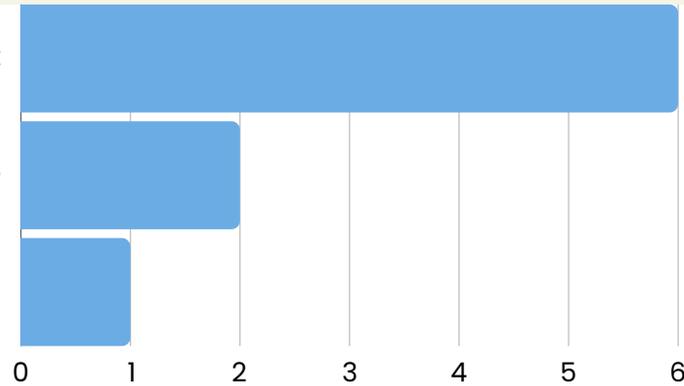
DEPARTMENT

Executive MPH

Total: 9 Non-profit

Hospitals and Healthcare

Academic and Research



Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy & Practice; Centro de Cultura Arte Trabajo y Educacion; Main Line Health System; Multicultural Community Family Services; Public Health Management Corporation; The Wright Center for Community Health

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Policy brief, drafting, recommendations
- Evaluation report
- Infographic
- Qualtrics survey
- Data analysis, collection, reporting
- Educational flyers
- Qualitative analysis report
- DEI assessments
- Executive summary
- Academic poster

Independence Blue Cross; Parkwood Medical

HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- PowerPoint presentation
- Evaluation report
- Data analysis
- Results report

Drexel University Medical Cannabis Research Center

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

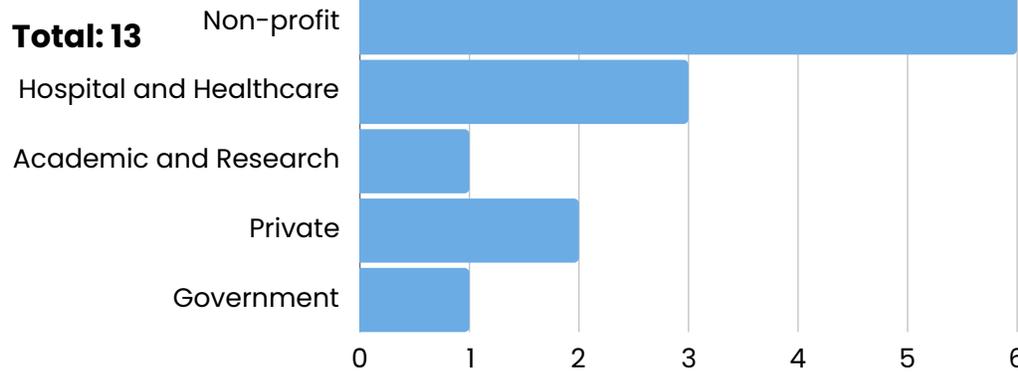
DELIVERABLES

- Literature review
- Educational poster

DEPARTMENT

Global Health

Total: 13



AIDS Care Group/HEALTH Foods Pantry; Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy & Practice; Global Liver Organization; Julayo; Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry; Puentes de Salud; World Vision

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Data analysis
- Academic, educational poster
- Policy briefs
- Model legislation
- Collecting government initiatives
- Video design and presentation
- PowerPoint presentation
- Guidebook
- Surveying, impact reports

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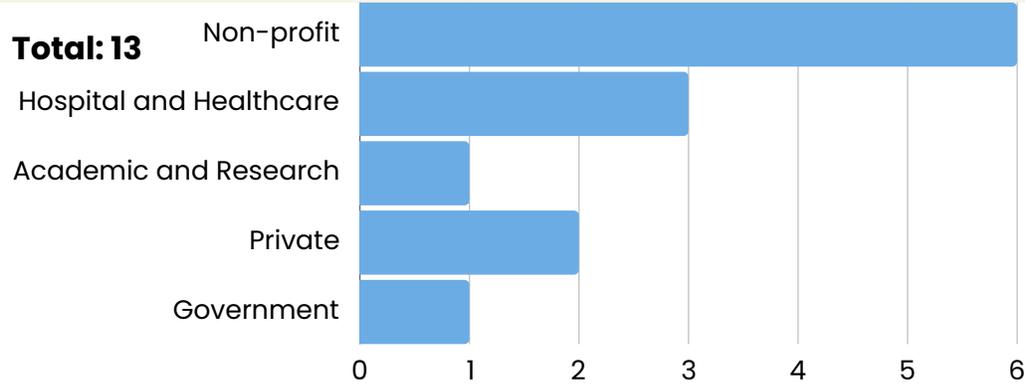
ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Data collection
- Literature review

DEPARTMENT

Global Health



Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Christiana Care Health System; Thomas Jefferson University Hospital - SKCC

HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Multi-lingual infographic
- Data metrics
- Qualitative data analysis
- Recommendation list

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

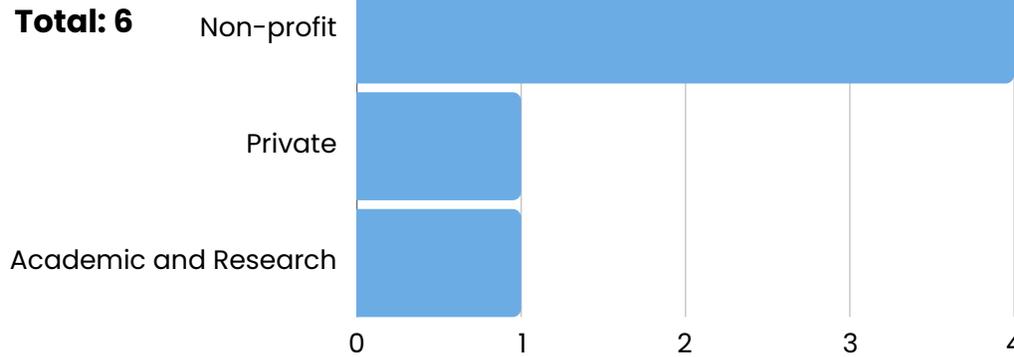
DELIVERABLES

- Brochure
- PowerPoint presentation

DEPARTMENT

Health Management and Policy

Total: 6



Children First PA; CLDA; SCHEQ; Share Food Program

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Infographic
- Research paper
- Feasibility report
- Volunteering report
- Funding plan
- Policy brief, report

AmeriHealth Caritas

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Project evaluation
- Policy brief

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ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Data collection
- Interview themes

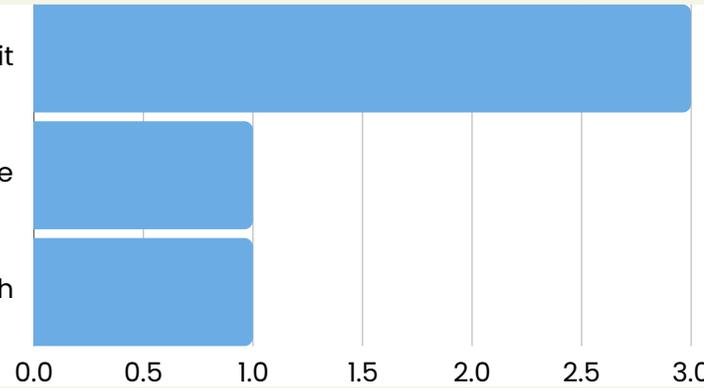
DEPARTMENT

Urban Health

Total: 5 Non-profit

Hospital and Healthcare

Academic and Research



AIDS Care Group; Share Food Program; The Valley Hospital

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Database
- Digital platform
- Mapping, feasibility report
- Infographic
- Information system

Harris Health System

HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Heat map
- PowerPoint presentation

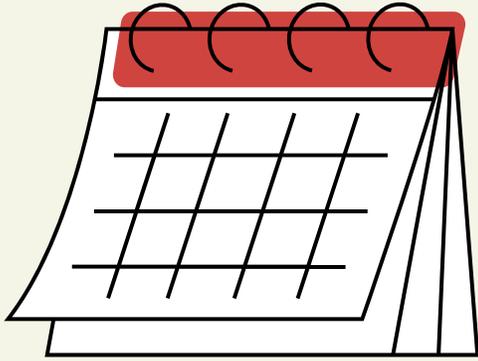
Cooper University Healthcare Center for Comprehensive Health

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

DELIVERABLES

- Program evaluation report
- Academic poster

NEXT STEPS



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES (PDS)

The PDS consists of career-themed workshops designed to aid in your career preparation journey by allowing time for you to improve components of your professional life.

In order to complete the APE, it is required that all first year MPH students* complete the Professional Development Series workshops. To learn more about this requirement, please visit the [DASH PDS page](#).

**The following programs are excluded from this requirement: BA, BS, BA/MPH, BS/MPH, MS, MD/MPH, JD/MPH, EMPH, PhD and DrPH.*

TIMELINE

The APE fulfills the PBHL 500 course requirement (after the successful completion of PBHL 510 & 511) and should be completed before starting. Students should review this document for important deadlines and due dates in order to secure approval for the APE.

Note: International Students must complete and submit Curricular Practical Training (CPT) paperwork by the end of the current term before the term they would like to complete their APE in. See form.

For additional information, please visit the [DASH APE page](#) or contact [Tariem Burroughs](#), *Director of Experiential Learning and Career Services*.



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