

Health Services and Policy Research Collaborative Program

Research Practicum

The student is expected to spend at least 200 hours with a health services research team and develop skills in the development of a research project including selection of design, sampling strategy and measurement; ongoing data management and analysis; and presentation and discussion of results with stakeholders.

All students who have not had this experience are expected to do a research practicum¹. Students will be assigned to research teams led by HSPR Collaborative Program faculty for this experience.

¹ All students are required to complete at least one practicum. They may do a research or policy practicum, depending on the types of competencies that they need to acquire. Some will require both the policy and research practicum. Each practicum is seen as the equivalent of a one-term course.

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Research Practicum Learning Plan

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Student Name

Mentor Name

To initiate the research practicum: complete the first two columns of the Research Practicum Learning Plan below by identifying which competencies in the first column need to be developed during the practicum and checking each (✓). In the second column, identify the activities you will undertake to meet each of the identified skills and competencies. Complete and sign the section below when you and the Research Practicum Supervisor have agreed on the plan. When the first two columns are completed and the form is signed, take the form to the IHPME Graduate Office (HS425 – Attn: Dr. Whitney Berta) for your file. Ensure that you, the Research Practicum Supervisor, your HSPR Collaborative Program mentor, and your thesis supervisor have a copy.

When all research practicum activities are completed: complete the third column of the Learning Plan below describing the activities undertaken and the time spent in each activity (fourth column). Please append supporting documentation (e.g. literature review, data analysis report, report on which instrument would be most appropriate, copy of presentation slides) that illustrate your activities.

Competency or specific skills	Proposed activities during research practicum	Description of activities completed during practicum ²	Time spent in each activity
<p>Ability to effectively carry out health services research including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to synthesize and critically evaluate information produced by health services research • Ability to frame researchable questions regarding health services, policies and/or systems • Ability to effectively select from, integrate, and apply a range of conceptual frameworks and research methods drawn from different disciplines to answer health services and policy questions and help resolve health services issues 			

² Append supporting documentation that illustrates activities.

Competency or specific skills	Proposed activities during research practicum	Description of activities completed during practicum ²	Time spent in each activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of the importance of contextual issues (e.g., cultural diversity, gender, geography, socio-economic circumstances and local conditions) in the formulation, development and execution of health services research • Ability to select and develop reliable, valid measures and indicators of health services and system performance • Ability to select from and apply a variety of analytic approaches that match the research question(s) and context • Ability to work effectively with health services researchers from other disciplines • Awareness of ethical issues relating to all aspects of the research enterprise 			

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Student Name

Student Signature

Date

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Supervisor Name

Supervisor Signature

Date

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Mentor Name

Mentor Signature

Date

Start Date of Policy Practicum	
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For our records, please complete the following:

Research Practicum Supervisor's Information

Position	
Organization	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

* The research practicum requirement must be met in order to complete the Collaborative Program requirements unless the student has requested and received an exemption based on prior learning experience.

Please return this form to the IHME Graduate Office, (HS 425, Attn: Dr. Whitney Berta), as soon as you and your Research Practicum Supervisor have agreed on your objectives for the Research Practicum.

REMEMBER TO KEEP A LOG OF YOUR ACTIVITIES AND THE TIME SPENT ON EACH

Research Practicum Final Report

Both the student and the Research Practicum Supervisor write and append a brief evaluative statement about how well the learning objectives were met.

Practicum Site	
Start Date	
End Date	

Final Evaluation:

Pass

Fail

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Student Name

Student Signature

Date

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Supervisor Name

Supervisor Signature

Date

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Mentor Name

Mentor Signature

Date

Approved by:

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HSPR Collaborative Program
Director's Name

HSPR Collaborative Program
Director's Signature

Date

Please return this form to the IHPME Graduate Office, (HS 425, Attn: Dr. Whitney Berta), when you have completed the Research Practicum.

Please append any supporting materials.