2013-2014 Preceptors’ Comments related to the MPH Field Experience Program and the preparation of MPH students for the field experience.

Behavioral, Social and Community Health

Recommendations/Comments regarding the Internship Program:

- The intern needs to be able to work with minimal supervision at this agency. Sarah did a good job working independently to plan programs. She did quite well working with other staff and residents.
- The background information that was provided prior to the internship was very helpful in explaining the expectations of the program and useful in guiding Elizabeth through her internship.
- I do understand why you are so adamant about having the students matched with a supervisor who has a health background. As a doctoral student in the Health Behavior program, it was easy to tie in things from the classroom to her practical experience. I grew during this process as well!
- The IU Health and Wellness Director and I would like to see a 2 year pre-internship program opportunity to give MPH students adequate time to build core competency skills while gaining the much needed experience required for future employment.
- I hope to employ Erin in a full-time position at some point.
- I hope to work with MPH students long before their internships so they are able to have a full hands-on training in our program over time.
- RCAP is not a great site for the MPH internship because it is not a fully defined program today -- it is a fine place for students to work (on specific projects) or for research doctoral students; however, for a BSCH or PHadmin internship, I'm frankly not sure we (RCAP) are up to the task as we are still defining (or need to redefine) who we are as an organization. Perhaps next year, but I would need to really think this through with Bill Yarber.
- The internship program is very well designed from the preceptor orientation, goals, clearly communicated competencies, midterm and final evaluation. Jackie took on a lot of projects, multitasking all the way. Being a first time internship site, it is wonderful to see public health in the parks and recreation arena. There are so many opportunities for hands on experience

Recommendations/Comments regarding the graduate professional preparation program in Public Health at Indiana University:

- We normally do not partner for Masters Level interns through the School of Public Health due to the amount of supervision required to the students, and our small number of qualified staff in our agency. Sarah was offered this opportunity due to her exhibited work and ethics, when having prior discussions regarding entertaining a Masters intern. We were pleased to make this happen for Ms. Roberts
- Thank you for the opportunity to work with such high quality students and for the wealth of fresh knowledge they bring to our department. We all have had many opportunities for growth and have learned from each other’s perspectives, life experiences, talents and unique skills.
- I believe that the IUHC Health and Wellness Education program should be part of the training for many IU MPH students well before their internships. I would like to meet to create a mutually beneficial strategic plan for the future that could also be a model for other MPH programs around the country.
- I am grateful for the quality students that have come our way!
Biostatics

Recommendations/Comments regarding the Internship Program:
- Jake’s performance in the internship program is outstanding!
- The internship program needs some hard criterion for the student to get passed, e.g. a manuscript ready to be published.

Recommendations/Comments regarding the graduate professional preparation program in Public Health at Indiana University:
- The program needs to consider each discipline’s specificity. A lot of the questions in the evaluation form are improper for EPI/BIO concentration.

Environmental Health

Epidemiology

Recommendations/Comments regarding the Internship Program:
- Nothing
- I believe that students graduating with a concentration in Epidemiology or Biostatistics and especially from a joint epi/bio department should have a very good grasp of research and methodology. As such, a research internship is best fits these needs and expectations.
- We enjoyed having Neha. We hope to continue to foster the relationship as proxy for IU.
- Meeting with supervisors and Internship instructor at the beginning of the term.

Recommendations/Comments regarding the graduate professional preparation program in Public Health at Indiana University:
- It would be nice to have had some direct communication with Gauri's professor in charge of the program.
- I think Epi/Bio students would benefit from research internships, opportunities for research and instruction etc. during the summer between the 1st and 2nd year as well as more electives and in class instruction in methods, informatics or analytics during their semester of the MPH program.

Professional Health Education

Recommendations/Comments regarding the Internship Program:
- It would help me in my evaluation of the intern to see the evaluation instrument early in the internship so that I can make sure evaluate those areas required.
Public Health Administration

Recommendations/Comments regarding the Internship Program:
- It would be helpful to have due dates for required tasks such as student evaluations.
- I have had a wonderful experience with the internship program thus far. I have no suggestions.
- I asked for Christina's feedback on her internship. She said that she valued the internship, liked the department, got experience working with coalitions, and enjoyed getting an all-around basic public health experience by working on a variety of projects.
- IT should be continuous
- An outline of the classes/background a student is coming to the internship with would be helpful.
- I appreciate the ease of the evaluations.
- I think having more access to IU staff would be much more helpful for our relationship.
- We would gladly hire Danielle for the position of Public Health program manager in the future. The internship program kept her focused and prepared. We would be delighted to work with her again and recommend her for similar positions in the future.
- I am happy to supervise students from public health and help them develop their capacity to work in the field. However, I wish the survey instruments used to assess them were more user-friendly. For example, it would be useful to know what information I need before I open this survey instrument. Instead, I started to complete it, only to find that I was supposed to debrief with my intern before it was completed.
- We would love to continue to receive future students, especially if they have the passion, professionalism, creativity and work ethic like Tenisha. Tenisha is one of the best interns we have had.
- The program requirements have definitely been manageable and not overly intrusive to our organization.

Recommendations/Comments regarding the graduate professional preparation program in Public Health at Indiana University:
- Need additional guidance on what types of jobs might be available for them.
- Great program.
- None to my knowledge
- More information available for employers on how to make the internship beneficial to both the university and intern would be great.
- Terri is very prepared for a career in public health. I wish I had a job to offer her.
- Regarding the question below, because there is no free text box, we have already hired her full time.