APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE-APEX

CPH 528 - Applied Practice Experience (APEx):

The Applied Practice Experience meets requirements of the national accrediting body in public health, the Council on Education for Public Health, and is a requirement of all MPH students. The purpose of this 3 credit hour course is to provide all students with an applied, scholarly, and mutually beneficial experience in a public health practice setting. This experience augments the academic course work, meets community needs, and provides students with an opportunity to integrate and apply at least five foundational public health competencies. Students are expected to demonstrate mastery of public health principles, values and practice.

APEX Course Learning Objectives:

Through participation in CPH 528, Applied Practice Experience, students will:

1. Engage in an Applied Practice Experience with a partner organization that
   a. Clearly demonstrates integrated and applied knowledge, principles and skills acquired through classroom instruction.
   b. Meets the partner organization’s identified needs.

2. Perform activities that demonstrate the development, enhancement, and application of foundational public health competencies and describe activities performed to achieve/address these competencies.

3. Develop two beneficial products for the partner organization.

4. Develop a final presentation that reflects the integration of public health knowledge, principles and skills and demonstrates mastery of public health principles, values and practice.

Prior to receiving permission to enroll, the following requirements must be met:

1. Attendance at APEX Orientation session (held each semester)

2. In good academic standing

3. Completion of at least 6 credit hours plus the CPH 500 Foundations in Public Health Course, which may be taken concurrently with CPH 528 APEX

4. Completion of Affiliation Agreement

5. Completion of Professionalism Training Module no longer than 30 days prior to registration (located in Canvas under the MPH Professionalism & Student Portfolio site)

6. Approval of the Applied Practice Experience Learning Contract

For more information, students should refer to the UNMC, Office of Public Health Practice website, which may be found here: https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/ophp/placements/apex/index.html