

APEX AT A GLANCE

Applied Practice

Experience (APEX) *Noun.*

1. An opportunity for students to practice the classroom concepts, strategies, and skills with professionals in the field.

Synonyms: practicum, internship, externship, field experience.

Minimum Required Work Hours *per degree program*

MPH	MHA	DrPH
200	400	360 or 420*

*based on concentration

Requirements outlined in the Graduate Student APEX Manual

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS

Students pursuing the Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree are required to complete a three (3) credit hour APEX as part of their curriculum. MHA candidates are expected to gain supervised experience in his/her chosen area of professional development, to learn new methods and perspectives that link health administration theory and practice, to interact with and participate with additional mentors, and to expand their network of contacts.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS

Students pursuing the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree are required to complete a three (3) credit hour APEX as part of their curriculum. MPH candidates are expected to gain supervised experience in a professional public health setting which will allow them to successfully demonstrate competency attainment through an applied practice experience. More specifically, each student must select and demonstrate attainment of a minimum of five competencies. Three competencies must be MPH foundational competencies and the remaining two competencies may be either MPH foundational competencies or concentration-specific competencies.

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS

Students pursuing the Doctor of Public Health must, regardless of previous experiences (amount or level), complete nine (9) or more credit hours of an applied practice experience, depending on department guidelines, as part of their curriculum. This APEX must be completed with an organization that advances public health practice. Each DrPH student must, with their practicum coordinator, identify at least five DrPH foundational or concentration-specific competencies that will be attained. At least one of the five selected competencies must be from the domain of Leadership, Management, and Governance.

