

DEVELOPING YOUR PRACTICUM WORK PLAN

GETTING STARTED

- Review practicum description
- Work with Practicum Preceptor and Department Coordinator

FIGURE 1. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRACTICUM WORK PLAN ELEMENTS



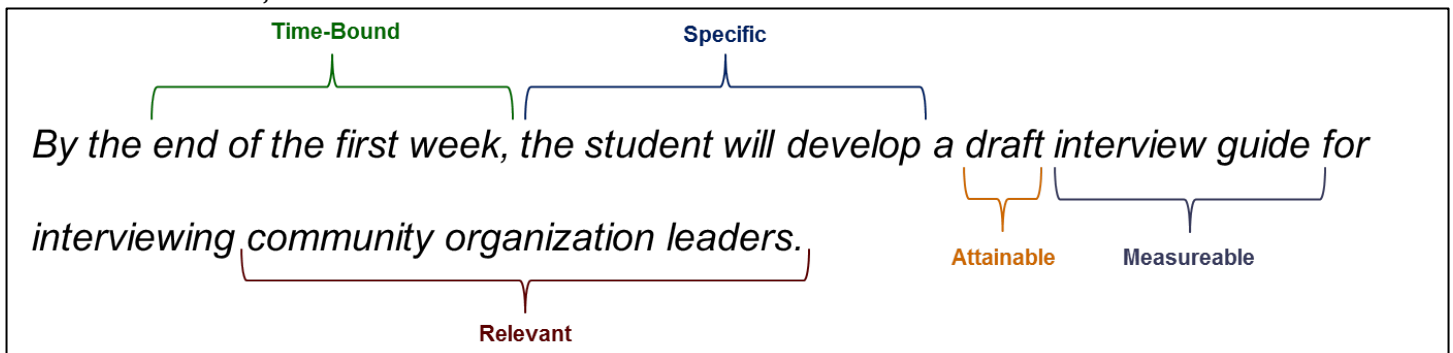
WRITING PRACTICUM OBJECTIVES

- Objectives should be specific statements that identify what will be accomplished and by whom
- Objectives are specific actions that support reaching goals and must be measurable and attainable
- To be relevant an objective should align with overall goal(s) for the practicum
- Realistic expectations of what can be accomplished during a practicum are established by integrating time frames into objectives
- SMART objectives help identify indicators or performance measures that demonstrate achievement of an objective²

FIGURE 2. SMART OBJECTIVES

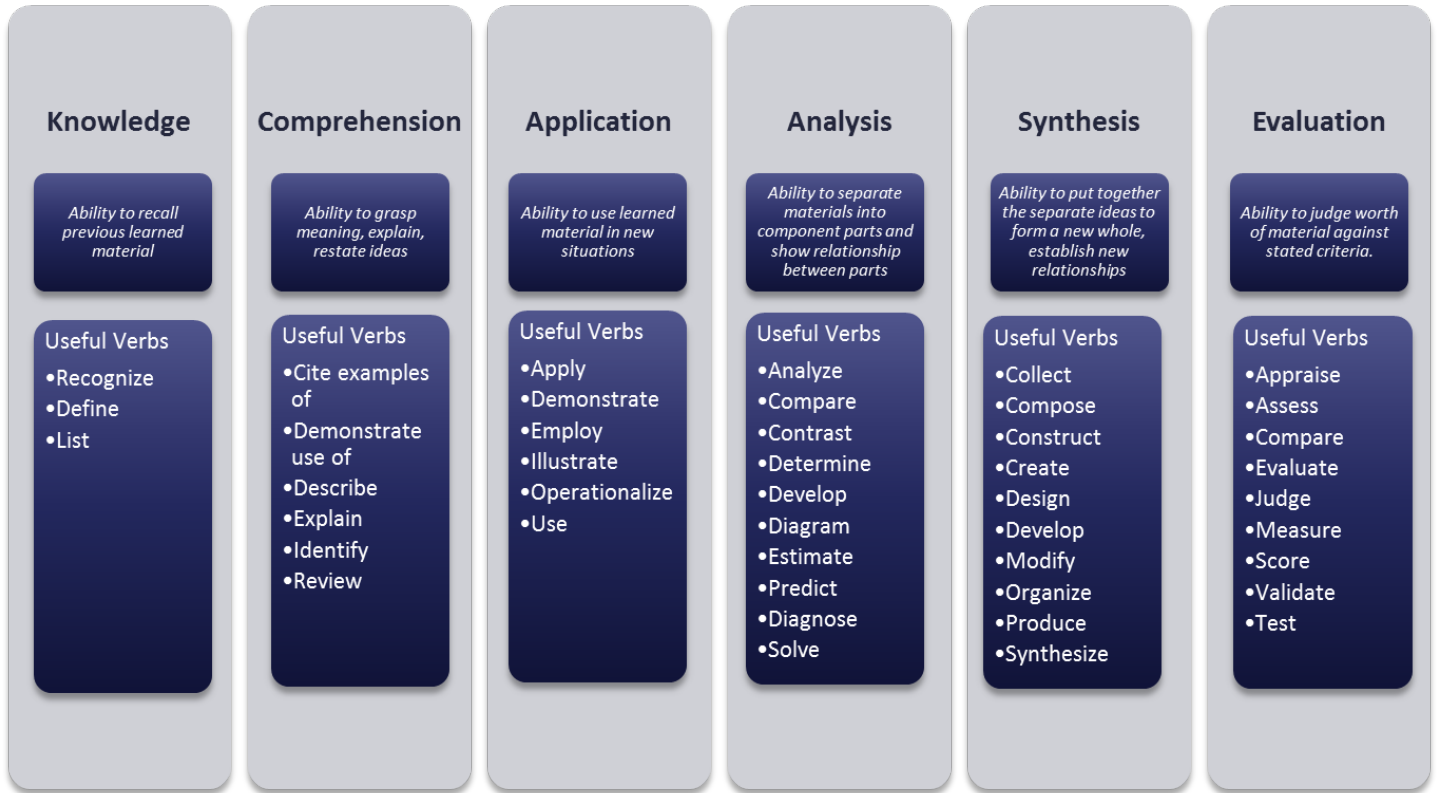


FIGURE 3. SAMPLE OBJECTIVE WITH SMART ELEMENTS



- Bloom's Taxonomy of Cognitive Objectives may be a useful tool for writing objectives

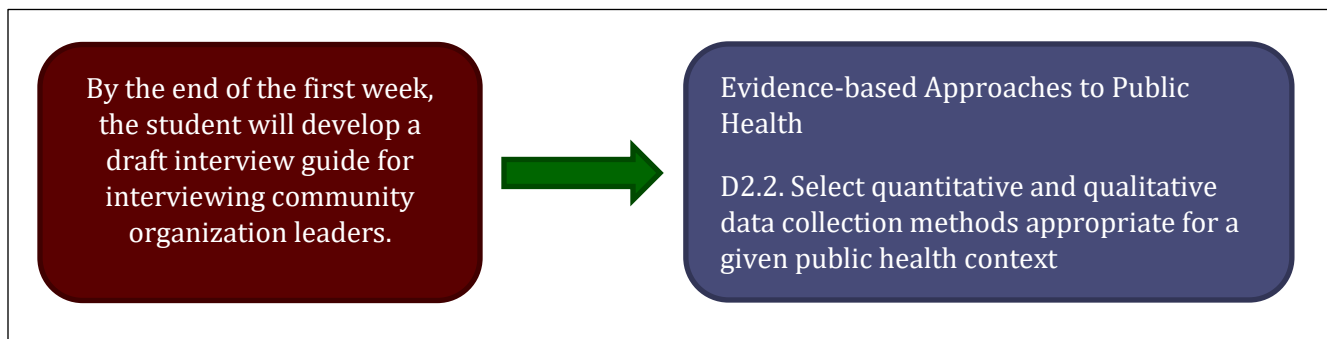
FIGURE 4. BLOOM'S TAXONOMY OF COGNITIVE OBJECTIVES AND SELECT USEFUL VERBS¹



LINKING PRACTICUM OBJECTIVES TO COMPETENCIES

- Requirements
 - All MPH practicums must have at least five (5) unique competencies
 - Three must come from the foundational MPH competencies
 - All DrPH practicums must have at least five (5) unique competencies
 - At least one must come from the Leadership, Management and Governance section
- Strategies to link include:
 - Identify key terms, activities, or audiences
 - Compare written objective to past course objectives and associated competencies
 - Make conceptual links and associations

FIGURE 5. SAMPLE OBJECTIVE LINKED TO COMPETENCY



1. Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine- Maternal and Child Public Health Leadership Training Program. Tips for Writing Goals and Objectives. <http://tulane.edu/publichealth/mchltlp/upload/Tips-for-writing-goals-and-objectives.pdf>.
2. Institute of Medicine. Smart Bites Toolkit-SMART Objectives. http://www.iom.edu/About-IOM/Making-a-Difference/Community-Outreach/~/_media/Files/About%20the%20IOM/SmartBites/Planning/P1%20SMART%20Objectives.ashx.