

**Policy number:** 306

**Subject/Title:** Practicum waiver

**Effective Date:** Fall 2006

**Policy Statement:** The Practicum waiver can be applied if the students are admitted to schools of public health possessing extensive public health experience. Eligible students should discuss the possibility of a waiver with their Academic Committee within 12 months of enrollment. The Committee will determine if the written summary of the student's experiences demonstrates an adequate applied public health experience in the appropriate area of concentration. The summary will include:

- The name of the organization
- Description of how the experience demonstrates application of the core and specialty public health knowledge
- Approximate number of hours of experience
- Name and title of supervisor(s).

**NOTES:** when all parties have signed off, the original form and attachment should be forwarded by the student to the Student Affairs Office for inclusion in the student's academic file. Copies should be sent to the faculty advisor and the Office of Public Health Practice/Regional Campus.

**Reason for Policy:** The practicum waiver was developed to facilitate students who already possess extensive public health experience.

**Definitions:** N/A

**Scope and Audience:** All UTSPH students

**Responsibilities and Procedures:** Outlined above

**Related Policies, Forms and Information:** [Practicum Waiver Form](#)

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