Introduction
Fifty-four MPH students completed practicum during the Fall 2007 semester. Using SurveyMonkey™ procedures students and community preceptors evaluated the practicum experience. Response rates for students and community preceptors were 98% and 83% respectively. The following data highlight the major findings.

Primary Campus

![Bar chart showing the number of students across different categories.

Division

![Bar chart showing the number of students across different divisions.]
Students
- University (40%) and hospital/clinic (40%) accounted for 80% of the locations
- Most students considered the practicum an effective learning experience with 65% reporting that it was very good and 19% reporting that it was good
- The final product for 64% of the students was a report or presentation
- The practicum was effective (92%) in giving students a better understanding of public health
- 70% of the students registered for practicum at three credit hours
- 70% of students reported spending more than 12 hours per week on practice related activities
- 85% of the students had contact with their community preceptor more than 6 times, most communication was face-to-face
- All students reported that their community preceptors were available to answer questions and provide support
- All preceptors received a favorable rating with 71% being very good
- All students reported that they would recommend their community preceptor with 44% reporting that they would highly recommend and 44% reporting that they would recommend their preceptor
- 98% of students reported that they would recommend their faculty sponsor with 50% reporting that they would highly recommend and 38% reporting that they would recommend

Community Preceptors
- 82% of the final products were excellent (41%) or above average (41%)
- All community preceptors reported that student’s proficiency in using appropriate methods were very good (85%) or good (15%)
- Community preceptors were very pleased with students’ abilities to fulfill the duties of the practicum rating student performance at good (15%) or very good (80%)
- 91% reported meeting with the student more than six times
- 97% reported that the weekly time commitment was appropriate

Student Comments
- My faculty sponsor is always willing to help students
- I had an excellent community preceptor, she was always willing to listen to my ideas
- My faculty sponsor was extremely helpful and understanding
- My community preceptor was very patient and gave valuable feedback
- Both my community preceptor and faculty sponsor were very helpful
- I felt blessed to have my community preceptor, he was very supportive and encouraging
- My community preceptor was very responsive to my requests and always available to help me
- My faculty sponsor has a very clear understanding of my long term career goals
- My community preceptors gave very useful feedback at every stage of my project
- I found my community preceptor to be supportive and highly qualified
- Not only did I achieve my practicum objectives, but also I had opportunities to network with lots of researchers within my area of interest.
- My community preceptor is an excellent role model, I wish I had more time to learn from him

**Community Preceptor Comments**
- Excellent communicator with strong computational skills
- A very independent thinker
- Quick learner, very cooperative and good problem solver
- Smart, thoughtful and a pleasure to work with
- Perceptive and good at diagnosing potential problems with research protocols and procedures
- Works well with others
- Hard working and likeable
- Very independent. Stays on task and takes ownership of projects
- Very thorough, articulate and capable
- Very strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to communicate well and understand the overall picture
- Strong work ethic
- Smart, organized, motivated, pleasant, professional and a tremendous value to our organization
- Great people skills, very organized and dependable
- Tenacious
- Strong grasp of clinical topics, drive and initiative
- Very organized, thoughtful and thorough in her work

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