Introduction
Seventy-five students (15% DrPH and 85% MPH) completed practicum during the Spring 2008 semester. Using SurveyMonkey™ procedures students and community preceptors evaluated the practicum experience. Response rates for students and community preceptors were 95% and 84%, respectively. The following data highlight the major findings.

Primary Campus

Division
Students
- University (28%) and hospital/clinic (37%) accounted for 65% of the locations
- Most students reported the practicum as an effective learning experience with 70% reporting that it was very good and 21% reporting that it was good
- The final product for 69% of the students was a report or presentation
- The practicum was effective (98%) in giving students a better understanding of public health
- 68% of the students had a three credit or more practicum with the majority of these students reporting 12 – 15 hours per week on site
- 31% of students reported spending more than 16 hours per week on practice related activities
- 68% of the students had contact with their community preceptor more than 6 times, which were usually face-to-face
- All preceptors were available to answer questions and provide support with 73% very good
- Almost all preceptors received a favorable rating with 77% being very good
- All students reported that they would recommend their community preceptor with 55% reporting that they would highly recommend and 35% reporting that they would recommend their preceptor
- 97% of students reported that they would recommend their faculty sponsor with (51%) reporting that they would highly recommend and (46%) reporting that they would recommend

Community Preceptors
- 79% of the final products were excellent (44%) or above average (35%)
- 93% reported that student’s proficiency in using appropriate methods were very good (76%) and good (17%)
- Community preceptors were very pleased with students abilities to fulfill the duties of the practicum with 96% rating student performance at good (17%) or very good (79%)
- 95% reported meeting with the student more than six times
- 98% reported that the weekly time commitment was appropriate

Student Comments
- She is an outstanding preceptor. She excels in everything that she does!
- I rate my community preceptor very highly. I recommend him without any reservations.
- She is an excellent encourager but was not the expert consult for my project. As aforementioned, she is also very busy and was out for most of my practicum. However, I was able to resolve most issues.
- He has such a diverse background that he is effective in drawing from past experiences to explain new concepts and perceptions by analogies. Very helpful and knowledgeable.
- He is a graduate of the UTSPH, so he was great and knew exactly how to ensure I gained invaluable experience.
Overall, my community preceptor was nice and knowledgeable; she was patient in answering my questions.
My overall rating is that she was a terrific Community Preceptor!

Community Preceptor Comments
- She is exceptional and I am very hopeful that she will become a prominent researcher.
- This is a good program.
- It was an honor to work with such a fine student.
- This practicum was a learning experience not only for the student but for our staff. As a result, what was learned during her practicum will be implemented into our day-to-day operations. Consequently, OBH would love to continue to have additional students participate in future practicum with us.
- He has been a great boon to our section and we enjoy working with him very much.
- I enjoyed working with him very much.
- His work during his internship has proved to be important. His survey of state laws for UEM is one of the most comprehensive, and he created a National Directory for Drug Take-Back and Disposal Programs that is being recognized nationally.
- Thank you for allowing me to participate.
- Have worked with both of them on practicum experiences, both are great students.
- I really enjoyed working with her and appreciated her contribution to the study during this semester!
- The Bureau of Epidemiology was amazed and delighted with her turtle associated Salmonella investigation. Would love to hire this student if I had an opening.
- She was an excellent student and gratifying collaborator.
- We'd love to have future practicum students that are interested in public health communication!

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