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# The University of Georgia

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College of Public Health  
*Dean's Office*

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Dr. Pamela Whitten  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
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Dear Provost Whitten:

The College of Public Health fully supports the experiential learning requirement being considered by the University Curriculum Committee. Experiential learning is an important part of training our public health students and something our college has incorporated into our curriculum since its inception. We feel it is a worthwhile experience for all students.

The College of Public Health strongly supports this initiative.

Sincerely,

Phillip L. Williams, Ph.D.  
Dean

## **College of Public Health Experiential Learning Policy**

### **DRAFT 1.27.15**

Experiential learning is an important part of training public health professionals for the future and is an essential part of our public health courses. The College defines experiential learning as the development of knowledge, skills, abilities, values, behaviors, and attitudes via first-hand experiences outside of traditional classroom structures. The College of Public Health has embraced experiential learning in a variety of ways including internships, study abroad, service learning and supervised research courses. The majority of our students participate in multiple experiences as part of their course of study.

Every one of our undergraduate majors is required to complete an internship or practicum as a culminating experience. This is a requirement of our accrediting body, the Council on Education for Public Health. The College's internship/practicum process assures each student is building the skills, abilities and behaviors that are needed to practice in the field. As a result, all CPH students will fulfill their experiential learning requirement through their internship. Apart from how they might have previously met the UGA Experiential Learning Requirement, transfer students coming into CPH cannot be exempted from the College's own internship/practicum requirement. The courses that fulfill that requirement within the majors are as follows:

B.S. Environmental Health Science:

EHSC 3910 Internship in Environmental Health Science

B.S Health Promotion:

HPRB 5560 Field Experience in Health Promotion

*or* HPRB 3480 Practicum in Health Promotion / Health Services