

The Practicum Final Report

The practicum report is structured as a scientific or technical report that describes the practicum specific aims and its implementation, as well as source materials, documentation, field reports, evaluations and discussion, as applicable. The report follows the general guidelines for contents and format described in the section below.

Final Report Guidelines

Format: The report should be 8-15 pages in length. Double-spaced and 12 pt Times New Roman font.

Sections: (Suggested page lengths)

1. Title page
2. Introduction to the public health problem (1/2-1 page)
3. Problem statement and rationale; literature review (1-3 pages)
4. Setting (description of the practicum site) (1/2-1 page)
5. Project-specific learning objectives. These objectives should clearly relate to the program learning outcomes and reflect synthesis of the public health core.
(1-2 pages)
6. Abstract (1/2 -1 page)
7. Assessment (3-5 pages)
 - a. Statement of purpose (i.e., objectives; specific aims)
 - b. Assessment of organizational and community context for the practicum/capstone project.
 - c. Review of relevant literature (including gray literature if relevant) and how it informs the work.
 - d. Overview of your preceptor and practicum advisor roles, mentorship, and how their guidance assisted you in your practicum.
8. Program/project description (1-2 pages)
 - a. Full description of all program elements.
 - b. Ethical and cultural dimensions of the work.
9. Results/findings (1-2 pages)
 - a. The degree to which specific aims and objectives were met.

- b. Practicum accomplishments. What specific deliverables did you create?
What has the practicum site been able to accomplish with your work?

10. Evaluation and critical reflection (2-4 pages)

- a. Describe the public health significance of the practicum project.
- b. Discuss how the practicum project synthesizes and applies: public health theory and methods from courses; public health practice; and, community collaboration. Include a critical assessment of how well the practicum project addresses identified agency and community and public health needs.
- c. Discuss the core areas of public health and how they were all integrated in order to help accomplish the practicum tasks.
- d. A discussion of the competencies that were addressed during this practicum. Can include new ones that were not originally listed in the practicum proposal but were also addressed
- e. The main strengths and weaknesses of the practicum as a learning opportunity and as a professional experience. Describe support and barriers you experienced.

11. Recommendations (1-2 pages)

- a. Implications for future practice and/or research, employing an ecological perspective.
- b. Recommendations and suggestions for consideration in future practice.

12. Bibliography page (not included in page count)

13. Appendices (not included in page count)

- a. Pertinent source materials, documentation, field reports, graph and data summaries may be included as an appendix (not included in the page count).

Practicum Oral Presentation

Each student will give an oral presentation describing the practicum experience. The presentation will include:

1. Overview of your practicum experience
 - a. Name of practicum site
 - b. Name of preceptor and practicum advisor
 - c. Description of practicum project
 - d. Practicum goals and objectives
2. The learning objectives and practice goals of the Practicum.
3. An evaluation of how the goals and objectives were met.
4. A discussion of how knowledge gained through coursework was applied.
5. Obstacles or barriers encountered in the course of conducting the Practicum.
6. Skills and experience gained during the Practicum.
7. Discussion about practicum competencies mastered and demonstrated through practicum experience
8. Discuss how your practicum experience can contribute to your future professional career in public health

The oral presentation will be 20-30 minutes in length, and may use PowerPoint or other presentation software.