



## QUALITY MEDICATION USE

### PQA MPH Practicum FAQ

1. What is an MPH practicum?
  - a. Practicums are opportunities for students to gain real-world experience in the public health field while earning their MPH. CEPH-accredited MPH programs require students to complete a practicum at some point while earning a MPH. Students should consult with their school's MPH department to understand their school's requirements related to practicums.
2. How advanced in my MPH program must I be to complete the PQA practicum?
  - a. PQA accepts students at any point while earning their MPH degrees; however, students should consult their school's practicum coordinators to understand if there are any requirements or restrictions for completing a practicum based on length of time in the MPH program or number of core courses completed.
3. I have already fulfilled my practicum requirement for my degree, but I'm still interested in completing PQA's practicum. May I still apply?
  - a. The PQA MPH practicum is reserved for MPH students aiming to meet their academic practicum requirements. If you have already fulfilled your degree's practicum requirement but are interested in becoming involved in PQA's work as a student, we encourage you to keep an eye out for internship or executive fellowship opportunities at PQA. More information about those opportunities can be found [here](#).
4. How many hours are required for this practicum?
  - a. Students typically contribute approximately 180 hours across about 12 weeks to the MPH Practicum; however, the exact number of hours depends on your school's requirements.
5. What would be my schedule if I were to complete my practicum at PQA?
  - a. We are flexible and work with students to develop a weekly schedule that accommodates their academic schedule. Students typically contribute around 20 hours per week to the practicum.
6. How much does the PQA MPH practicum pay?
  - a. \$20/hour.
7. Is the practicum an in-person or remote opportunity?
  - a. The PQA MPH practicum is designed to be completed remotely. However, students local to the area may elect to work from PQA's offices in Alexandria, Virginia.
8. When is the PQA MPH Practicum open for applications?
  - a. PQA may host students in the spring, summer, and fall semesters depending on availability of projects. Recruitment for each semester begins approximately 6 months beforehand (exact start dates vary).
  - b. Follow PQA on Twitter or LinkedIn to get updates on application cycles.