MPH Practicum Program
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PQA offers internship opportunities and field experience to MPH students across all public health disciplines. Working from a national platform in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area, or remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, practicum students are immersed in the healthcare quality landscape with a focus on appropriate medication use, safety and patient experience. Development of core skillsets in the following areas is a key feature of the program.

Health Services Research Methods  
Quality Measurement  
Research Communications  
Diverse Stakeholder Engagement

Each practicum offering is tailored to meet the goals and objectives of the intern's graduate program while aligning with PQA’s current initiatives, and will also include the following:

- Earning PQA's Medication Use Quality Certificate
- Completing 5 Professional Development Workshop Modules
- Delivering final presentation to the PQA Team

The PQA MPH Practicum Program is a paid applied practice experience opportunity. Transportation, housing, and all other costs-of-living are the responsibility of the graduate participant.
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PQA research fills evidentiary gaps in medication use quality, informs and evaluates the impact of quality measurement, and conducts pilot projects to evaluate the impact of novel solutions in the field.

Contribute to ongoing research initiatives throughout the project lifecycle which may include:

- Grant funding identification and writing
- Proposal development
- Literature review and evidence synthesis
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Dissemination and communication initiatives
- Final report development

“I’ve heard about so many areas in public health: research, policy, behavior change, SDOH and health care. PQA’s MPH practicum program provided me the opportunity to learn about the intersection of all these areas and its impact on medication use safety, adherence, and appropriate use. I also saw the MPH practicum with PQA as an opportunity to learn new things, specifically how pharmacies play a role in improving population health. “

-Chyann Mealy, MPH Candidate 2021

Learn more here about PQA’s MPH Practicum
How to Apply

1. Assess eligibility
   - Students actively enrolled in a Masters of Public Health program

2. Submit Required Materials
   Candidates are required to submit the following materials through an online application platform accessible via the PQA website:
   - One page cover letter describing
     ○ interest in the practicum
     ○ potential start date and length of time desired
     ○ career goals and how the PQA practicum will facilitate achieving those goals
   - Curriculum vitae

Timeline

Summer Rotation

- JANUARY
  Applications Open
- FEBRUARY
  Applications Due
- MARCH
  Interviews
- EARLY APRIL
  Offers