

MD-MPH Additional Internship Report Expectations

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- 1) The length should be between 40-50 pages. Most students usually provide a significant amount of supplemental information as appendices which are referenced in the text.
- 2) There should be a "publishable" literature review of approximately 10 pages that considers the public health theory relevant to your topic and explores in depth the different options you reviewed before selecting this approach, and why you felt this approach would be most effective. This section should also include background on your community (or organization) and population, and salient issues that support or deter specific programmatic approaches. There needs to be sufficient references from the literature to support your perspectives and decisions. I would suggest 20 references as an absolute minimum.
- 3) There needs to be evidence of data manipulation and evaluation that should include, at a minimum, a discussion of the validity of your methodology and use of student T or chi squared manipulation of the data, with a discussion of statistical and functional significance and relevance to your conclusions, as well as limitations of the study design and data. If qualitative analysis is used, the reasons for it must be justified and the techniques used delineated. The applicability of the qualitative data analysis to your conclusions must be demonstrated.
- 4) There needs to be an analysis of the organizational structure and function (not just an organizational chart and/or list of functions/activities) that demonstrates your knowledge and application of the leadership issues discussed in the clinical leadership and administration class. Does the organization have a leadership structure, a vision and mission statement? How do they (or do they) evaluate themselves and move forward? How do they know progress is being made? How are they evaluated by their bosses/stakeholders/constituency? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the organization? If you were in a leadership position at the organization, how would you evaluate its effectiveness and weaknesses, what changes would you make and why, and how would you evaluate if your changes have been successful?
- 5) The skill of the MPH is the ability to develop, implement and evaluate a program. If the internship activity is primarily assessment, you need to demonstrate with specificity how it might be applied. What specific goals and objectives would you develop? What would be the time frame over which they would be implemented? Who would be the people (or positions) to carry it out, and how much of their time would it take? How much would it cost? Who would be responsible for carrying it out? What would be the process and evaluation outcomes that you would use to demonstrate progress/success for your project? What would you ultimately expect to see as a result of implementation?