

APEX Student Guidelines

APEX Overview

The Applied Practice Experience (APEX) is a 120-hour professional experience enabling graduate students to develop public health competencies while contributing to projects that benefit a field organization. It is a learning opportunity that is an important component of the MPH program as it allows application of academic theory, concepts, and skills in a realistic setting.

APEX Requirements

Before the APEX

- Complete the majority of your MPH courses.
- Complete the APEX student request form and receive approval from the APEX coordinator and your faculty advisor to complete the APEX in the requested semester.
- Complete learning agreement with preceptor and send to APEX coordinator for approval.

During the APEX

- Be involved in the work of a field organization on either a full-time or part-time basis for a total of 120 hours.
- Produce at least two products that benefit the field organization and demonstrate mastery of five public health competencies (three foundational and two concentration).
- Complete all of the required assignments, including an oral presentation.

Student Responsibilities

Before the APEX

- Attend an APEX informational session held by the APEX course director to review the APEX requirements, assignments, and strategies for identifying an appropriate site.
- Contact prospective field sites. Communicate APEX guidelines and goals for the experience.

During the APEX

- Follow all policies, rules, and regulations of the field organization.
- Maintain the mutually agreed upon hours and schedule.
- Meet regularly with the preceptor to discuss progress and performance.
- Submit assignments to Canvas on time and incorporate feedback and requests for revisions in a timely manner.

After the APEX

- Send a thank-you letter to the preceptor.
- Deliver oral presentation to faculty advisor, preceptor (if available), and other faculty and students.
- Turn in student evaluation of APEX, MPH exit survey, and any other missing assignments to Canvas by the last day of classes.

APEX Deliverables

- APEX Products
- Bi-Weekly Reports
- Midpoint and Final Evaluation
- APEX in Action
- Oral Presentation
- Student Evaluation of APEX
- MPH Exit Survey & Self-Assessment of Competencies

For Additional information please contact the APEX Coordinator at Anna.Layne@achehealth.edu