

Practicum For Part-Time Students

Finding a practicum may seem more challenging if you have a full-time job. Remember, you are not alone in your search! The Career & Practicum Office offers many resources and strategies that can help.

Think & Understand

Think Early

During your core courses start thinking about what you might like to explore. Always keep practicum in the back of your mind at school, work, and throughout conversations.

Begin to build a repertoire of target organizations of interest.

Understand the Flexibility

Understanding practicum flexibility will make the practicum more manageable. The practicum can be done mostly remotely, can extend over multiple semesters, and many site supervisors are willing to work with a student's complex schedule.



STEP 1

Foster a Resource Ecosystem

Start with SPH Resources

Use [SPH Handshake](#) to view and apply to practicum opportunities (remote included), RSVP to employer info sessions and Expos, attend workshops, and more.

Explore

Explore past practicum sites and projects using the [SPH Past Practicum Database](#) (see Practicum section of SPH website). Contact past Practicum Supervisors to see if they have needs when you're ready.

Network

Build on your professional network of colleagues, classmates, professionals, and more to leverage connections in the field when you begin your search.



STEP 2

Leverage Your Current Job

Be Resourceful

If your current job is in the Public Health sector use that to your advantage! Ask colleagues for leads or connections, and use these to add to and strengthen your ecosystem.

Low-Hanging Fruit

Perhaps you may even discover a potential practicum opportunity at your current place of employment. This is permissible as long as it is in a separate department, different than your normal job, and ideally with a different supervisor.



STEP 3

For details about practicum requirements, visit: www.bu.edu/sph/careers/for-students/practicum/.

For questions, or to set up an appointment (by phone, Skype, or in person), email sphpract@bu.edu.

Utilize Your Ecosystem

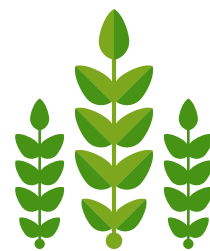
Putting It All Together

Hopefully by now you've had many meaningful conversations, and maybe even already set something up for yourself!

If not, continue to tap into all of these resources and connections.

Reach out to your networks, apply to [SPH Handshake](#) postings, and contact past Practicum Supervisors.

Your ecosystem will allow you to have a more comfortable search. Just like a garden the more you give the more you get!



STEP 4