

## PUBH 5900 Graduate Project Proposal – 3 credits – CR/NC

**Purpose:** This course is designed for students who are completing the Project Option for the degree program. The Project includes a research component and results in a product that can be submitted for publication in a refereed journal or presentation at a professional conference or equivalent professional venue.

## Overview:

- 1. Allows students to collect, analyze, and report data.
- 2. Requires a faculty advisor.
- 3. Takes a minimum of one semester to complete.
- 4. The project is a capstone experience.

**Objectives** (one or more of the following substantive and process-related objectives must be met depending on the project):

- 1. Students analyze data based on health promotion/leadership/public health evidence.
- 2. Students expand current knowledge in a specific area of interest related to public health.
- 3. Students develop or enhance skills in analyzing, synthesizing, and integrating health promotion/leadership related information or experiences.
- 4. Students develop or enhance skills in project development, management, implementation, evaluation, communication, and/or dissemination.

**Registration:** Once the Graduate Project Proposal plan has been completed, and approved by the student, the faculty mentor, the student's Graduate Coordinator, and the Department Chair, the Department will register the student for PUBH 5900 with the appropriate faculty mentor.

## **Course Requirements:**

- 1. Students discuss their general topic with the Graduate Coordinator, and provide a list of 2-3 possible faculty mentors. The Graduate Coordinator determines which faculty have room in their academic load to mentor a graduate student, and connect the student with those faculty to discuss the project.
- 2. Once the faculty mentor is identified, the student and faculty mentor determine the specific project the student will complete. After this discussion, the student presents a typed outline of the graduate project to the faculty mentor, who must approve the outline. The outline must consist of the following elements:
  - a. Purpose and objectives of the graduate project;
  - b. A short description of the project, including a project title;
  - c. A list or description of the components of the project to be completed by the student;
  - d. A timeline for completion of the project within one semester;

- e. A list of the number and approximate dates for meetings between the faculty and student for evaluation and discussion of the project;
- f. A description of how the student project will be graded, including any intermediate evaluation/grades that are required. The faculty mentor may choose to include additional elements to the independent study outline. This outline and accompanying form serve as the formal contract for the graduate project. The contract and form must be signed by all parties before the project is initiated.
- g. Projects do not require designing and executing an experiment.
- 3. After the faculty mentor approves the outline and signs the graduate project approval form, the entire proposal must also be approved and signed by the Graduate Coordinator.
- 4. **Grading:** Methods of grading will be specified in the contract with the student and will be determined by the faculty member based on the requirements of the graduate project. Graduate projects will be graded as credit/no credit (CR/NC). The student must successfully complete all project components agreed in the contract in the timeframe required by the contract. Failure to meet any of the terms of the outline can result in a grade of no credit (NC).



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Student email: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Faculty Supervisor: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Faculty email: Click or tap here to enter text.	
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AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL	
I understand that I must satisfactorily meet my objectives and complete all courses required by the date listed on this form to receive credit for this course. I agree that the project outle attached to this form constitutes my contract with my faculty supervisor and I must meet at requirements listed in the Graduate Project Proposal.	ine
Student Signature: Date:	-
I approve this graduate project course based upon the attached outline.	
Faculty Supervisor Signature: Date:	
Graduate Coordinator: Date:	
Department Chair: Date:	