Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU)

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The mission of the Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU) is to advance public health practice at the Faculty of Health Sciences to impact the health of populations in Lebanon and the region. The OPU aims to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and skills in the field of public health, build community partnerships, develop human capabilities, advance service learning, and enhance the culture of collective responsibility.

The OPU fulfills its mission through the following activities:

• Evidence-based community interventions: OPU develops and implements community partnerships to promote individual and community health.

• Effective workforce development and continuing education: OPU offers diverse, multidisciplinary and financially sustainable training programs.

• Service learning: OPU facilitates service learning courses and provides students with venues to practice the knowledge learned in the classroom while providing a service to community.

The Unit Coordinator reports to the Dean of FHS. The OPU is supported by the academic departments at FHS and external resource persons.

OPU works closely with different local, national, regional, and international entities including but not limited to academic institutions, hospitals, UN agencies, NGOs, ministries and governmental agencies, professional associations, municipalities, and local communities in Lebanon and across the Arab World.