Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU)

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The Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU) advances evidence-based public health practice in Lebanon and the region while enhancing the academic experience of students and faculty. It builds solid community partnerships and develops human capabilities to impact the health of populations. The Unit nurtures the culture of collective responsibility, diversity, and social justice.

The OPU fulfills its mission through the following activities:

• Evidence-based health development programs: 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 and student engagement: OPU facilitates service learning courses and provides students with venues to practice the knowledge learned in the classroom while providing a service to community.

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.