Subject: Culminating Experience

Policy Number: MPHP&P-09

1. Background

All MPH students are required to complete the requirements for the Culminating Experience before graduating from the program.

The objective of the Culminating Experience is to provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate an ability to apply core and concentration competencies within a chosen professional context.

2. Policy

The Culminating Experience (CE) is a 2 credits course, linked to the Practicum for all students. For those who are exempted from the Practicum, the Culminating Experience is linked to a part of their work experience completed prior to their registration in the program.

As part of the CE, the student must attend a CE seminar for 1 and a half hour each week for the first 10 weeks of the semester. The CE seminar is facilitated by 5 faculty members, one from each department/program at FHS. In the summer, the CE seminar may be facilitated by three faculty members. The CE seminar is a facilitated reflection of the relevance of each student’s project and its implication on public health.

The Culminating Experience is a graded course.

Related Policies
- Curriculum
- Practicum

3. Procedures

The Culminating Experience consists of four requirements: attendance and active participation in the CE seminar course, a reflection, an individual report, and an oral poster presentation.

The individual report is evaluated by the departmental Practicum Advisor as a first reader, and a member of the CE seminar facilitators, who is from a department other than the student concentration, as a second reader. For those who are practicum exempt, their department of concentration will assign a first reader.

The oral poster presentation is rated by a panel of 5 judges representing each of the MPH departments and the MLS program.

Guidelines for writing the culminating experience report, as well as the grading template for the report, and guidelines for the poster presentation as well as criteria for judging can be found at http://fhs.aub.edu.lb/degrees_programs/graduate_courses.html
The report and its assessment as well as the assessment of the poster presentation are electronically filed by the Practicum Coordinator and serve as an indicator of achievement of MPH Graduate Program Learning Outcomes.

4. **Latest Revision**

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