



Communicating Effectively with Your Advisor

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SPRING 2022 ORIENTATION

When to Choose a Concentration

- ▶ Master of Public Health students Choose on SOPHAS
- ▶ Dual Degree Students choose in OAA
(Must choose concentration available for dual program)
- ▶ Once accepted, advisors are chosen by the department and communicated to students in Acceptance letter and entered into GUS

When to Meet with Advisor

- ▶ Before each semester
- ▶ Advisor and Contact information found in acceptance letter
 - ▶ If you can't find the letter, look in GUS OR
- ▶ Contact the Department (Preferably the Administrative Assistant) to Schedule Initial Meeting
 - ▶ Biostatistics – Wendy Cook (Wcook@uams.edu)
 - ▶ Environmental & Occupational Health – Chris Fettes (CAFettes@uams.edu)
 - ▶ Epidemiology – Theresa Faye Bard (TFBard@uams.edu)
 - ▶ Health Behavior/Health Education and Rural and Global Public Health Practice – Cheryl Lancaster (CPLancaster@uams.edu)
 - ▶ Health Policy and Management – Mariah Grant (MAGrant@uams.edu)

When to Meet with Advisor (continued)

- ▶ Once meeting scheduled bring Degree Track planner to your meeting
- ▶ Required to meet with advisor twice per semester (Know your Advisor)
- ▶ Follow degree track planner – it is the guide toward graduation.
- ▶ The degree track planners may be found here:
<https://publichealth.uams.edu/academics/degree-track-planners/>

Why Meet with Your Advisor?

- ▶ Guidance in the Concentration
- ▶ Guide you through the Applied Practice Experience and the Integrative Learning Experience
- ▶ Guidance toward Graduation
- ▶ Counseling on Courses (Should I drop or stay the course)

Roles and Responsibilities

Partnership between the Student and the Advisor

STUDENT	ADVISOR
Read all Emails sent to your UAMS account	Foster communication with your Advisees – be accessible
Make sure your advisor knows your academic and personal goals	Help students define and develop realistic goals
Don't schedule last minute appointments	Meet with your Advisee at least twice per semester
Adhere to policies, procedures and requirements (Read the Handbook)	Monitor student's progress towards educational/career goals
Check for pre-requisites before registering	Refer students to campus resources (Student Success Center, Student Health, Library)
Know deadlines – drop, add, registration, etc	Provide all necessary signatures on required forms
Ask instructors and advisors for help when you need it!	Assess the viability of the Student/Advisor Relationship

Choosing Core Classes

- ▶ All core classes require permission numbers
- ▶ Contact Ms. Vanessa Lewis on the first day of registration to receive permission numbers. Each semester.
- ▶ Her contact information: VLLewis2@uams.edu
- ▶ Use the permission numbers immediately
- ▶ Contact Ms. Cheryl Lancaster each semester to receive permission numbers for HBHE 5104: Health Behavior Health Education.
- ▶ Her contact information: CPLancaster@uams.edu

What are the Core Courses

- ▶ BIOS 5103: Biostatistics I
- ▶ COPH 5003: Introduction to Public Health
- ▶ ENVH 5102: Environmental and Occupational Health
- ▶ EPID 5112: Epidemiology I
- ▶ HBHE 5104: Health Behavior and Health Education
- ▶ HPMT 5103: The Healthcare System

Other Information to Know :

What is the Biology Competency Requirement?

- ▶ Required for MPH and Certificate in Public Health seeking students
- ▶ All students except MD/MPH, PharmD/MPH and those with a Biology or other science background. The courses will be waived for students with science background. Contact the Director of Admission with waiver request.
- ▶ Must take exams and pass with a score of 75% or better.
- ▶ **Beginning Spring, 2022: Students may not enroll in Epi I or EOH until pass the exam or receive waiver**
- ▶ If fail exam must enroll in corresponding course(s) of the test failed.
- ▶ This competency does NOT count toward your degree.
- ▶ Requirement must be satisfied prior to registering for courses beyond the first semester of study.
- ▶ To register for exam, please contact Dr. Ping-Ching Hsu at Phsu@uams.edu.

Biology Competency Requirement

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- ▶ What are the exams:
 - ▶ ENVH 5002: Biology for Public Health Chronic Disease
 - ▶ ENVH 5003: Biology for Public Health: Current Issues
 - ▶ ENVH 5011: Biology For Public Health: Infectious Disease
 - ▶ More information may be found on your degree track planner and at this location: <https://publichealth.uams.edu/students/current-students/public-health-biology-competency-exam/>

Interprofessional Education(IPE)

(Other information continued)

- ▶ All degree seeking students are required to enroll in The Seven Core IPE activities. All components must be satisfied before graduation.
- ▶ These are: Exposure Workshop
- ▶ Exposure: Bridge Activity
- ▶ Immersion: Quadruple Aim Project Proposal Workshop
- ▶ Immersion: Simulation
- ▶ Competence: Workshop
- ▶ Competence: Practice Activity – Applied Practice Experience paper may be used for this activity.
- ▶ Competence: Student Educator Activity: ILE paper may be used for this activity.
- ▶ For more information and the schedule of IPE events visit:
<https://ipe.uams.edu/student-curriculum/seven-core-activities/>

Public Health Writing Workshop

(Other information continued)

- ▶ A writing and reading skills assessment
- ▶ All CPH students (exception Non-degree) are required to enroll
- ▶ Must register for the workshop in your first semester.
- ▶ Course Number: CPH 5000: Writing Workshop
- ▶ For more information on the workshop, please visit:
<https://publichealth.uams.edu/departmentsandunits/offices/public-health-writing-studio/#workshop>
- ▶ Contact Mr. Chris Fettes at CAFettes@uams.edu

Final Thoughts

- ▶ Your Goals are Ultimately up to You
- ▶ Accept final responsibility for all decisions
- ▶ Monitor your Goals toward graduation
 - ▶ IPE
 - ▶ Electives
 - ▶ All course requirements
 - ▶ Fines (library, police, parking, etc)
 - ▶ Graduation Application and Fee
 - ▶ Exit Counseling in Financial Aid
 - ▶ Assessments

Questions

