

Capstone Project

Overview

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General Information

- Required culminating course of MPH program
- Primary component = Master's Paper
- Should be taken as final course in program
 - Special permission required if not
- Most Important:
START PLANNING EARLY
 - Planning process not as intense as Field Placement, but still quite involved



Relationship to Field Placement

- Capstone Project does not need to be linked to Field Placement
 - Recommend: similar topics/projects
 - Background info can be used for both
 - However, must be separate projects
 - May be similar, but not the same
 - Often, something during Field Placement sparks interest or highlights need for additional project, which becomes Capstone Project



Types of Master's Papers

- Program Development
 - Program Evaluation
 - Community Assessment
 - Community Health Planning
 - Public Health Policy
 - Applied Research
 - Others
- Remember:
Papers should relate
to public health, not
clinical medicine
- Abstracts & PPTs of previous students' projects available on Capstone Project website [Graduates' Projects page](http://www.mcw.edu/mphprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject/GraduatesProjects.htm)



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Persons Involved

- 4 people involved in each Capstone Project
 - Student – YOU
 - Faculty Advisor
 - Faculty member at MCW
 - Recruited by you or MPH Program Staff
 - Second Reader
 - Responsible for providing feedback on drafts
 - Recruited by you
 - Program Staff



Getting Started

- **Reminder: Start EARLY!**

- Start thinking about your Capstone Project NOW
- Start intensively planning the semester before enrollment

- **Review Capstone Project website:**

<http://www.mcw.edu/mpsprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject.htm>

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