Capstone Project

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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

- Abstracts & PPTs of previous students’ projects available on Capstone Project website Graduates’ Projects page

http://www.mcw.edu/mphprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject/GraduatesProjects.htm
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/mphprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject.htm](http://www.mcw.edu/mphprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject.htm)

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