Capstone Project

Planning your Project

Overview of Presentation

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- Prerequisites
  - Coursework
  - CITI Training
- Types of Master's Papers
- Ideas for Master's Paper

Website

- http://www.mcw.edu/mphprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject.htm
- Different Sections:
  - Background
    - Purpose & objectives
    - Prerequisites
    - Relationship to Field Placement
  - Master's Paper
    - Primary component of Capstone Project
    - General description & specific expectations
    - Submission schedule
  - Responsibilities
    - 4 people involved: Student, Faculty Advisor, Second Reader & Program Coordinator
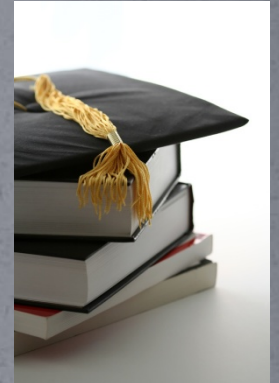
Website (continued)

- Different Sections (continued):
  - Products & Evaluation
    - Proposal, Master's Paper, PowerPoint Presentation
    - Grading
  - Forms – all the documents you might need
    - Available in PDF, E-form, and Word formats
    - Samples provided (as PDFs)
    - Recommendation:
      Print "Student Responsibilities Checklist with Deadlines" for your semester
  - Graduates' Projects
    - Abstracts & presentations (PDF and PPT formats)

Prerequisites - Coursework

- All other coursework for the MPH program
- If have not completed all other coursework before enrolling
  - Must submit Early Capstone Project Request Form three months prior to enrollment
    - If you're planning to concurrently enroll in other coursework with Capstone Project during your last semester in program:

	Form Required	Form NOT Required
Type of Concurrently Enrolled Courses	Core or Required	Elective or Field Placement

  - Form available on Capstone Project Forms webpage
    http://www.mcw.edu/mphprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject/Forms.htm

Prerequisites – CITI Training

- **Ensure your online CITI training is up-to-date**
  - Training offers certification for 2 years
  - If need to renew training,
    - Log on to CITI training website and take refresher course
      - Website: http://www.citiprogram.org
    - Ensure refresher course is for Group 1, 3, or 4
      - 1 – Biomedical
      - 3 – Biomedical & Social/Behavioral
      - 4 – Social/Behavioral Research
  - Email/fax completion report to
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Types of Master's Papers (Review)

- Program Development
- Program Evaluation
- Community Assessment
- Community Health Planning
- Public Health Policy
- Applied Research
- Others

Remember: Papers should relate to public health, not to clinical medicine

- Abstracts & PPTs of previous students' projects available on Capstone Project website at
  http://www.mcw.edu/mphprogram/CulminatingExperiences/CapstoneProject/GraduatesProjects.htm

Ideas for Master's Paper

- Contact me to discuss your ideas
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- 2-3 months prior to enrollment
    - Submit paragraph description of proposed project to me
        - I'll provide feedback & use to recruit your Faculty Advisor
- 1-2 months prior to enrollment
    - I'll provide contact info for Faculty Advisor
    - Introduce yourself & your project

Questions?

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