

Semester- IV

Core Course

17. Course Code & Title: MPC 54 92 & Internship

Credit: 6

About the Internship:

This core course is offered in Semester-IV who have successfully completed all the required course work and undertaken a supervised dissertation involving a primary research work. As part of this course, students are required to undergo a minimum of four weeks internship training (either in an online/offline mode considering the COVID-19 pandemic) in a reputed health organization engaged in public health within India. The main purpose of this course is to expose the students with the functioning of a health organization serving public health. During this training the students are expected to acquaint with various departments and functioning of a health organization and involve in projects as well as assignments entrusted by the host organizations. The training is expected to substantiate classroom teaching with practical exposure in reputed health organizations.

Course objectives:

The objectives of this course are:

- i. To provide students with an overall understanding of a health organization in terms of human resource, planning and implementation of programmes, research projects, linkages and synergies between departments.
- ii. To expose the students with the practicalities of understanding and addressing current issues and ground realities in the health sector.
- iii. Collaborate and learn through assisting experienced health professionals in a formal organizational setup engaged in public health activities.
- iv. Assist the health organization, study and address some identified issues/ problems associated in specific operational areas /programmes.

Course outcomes:

On completion of this course students will be able to

1. Understand the functioning of a healthcare organization serving public health.
2. Apply the knowledge gained in classroom-settings into practice.
3. Develop necessary skills technical and soft skills for a full-time employment in a healthcare organization.
4. Apply the important public health concepts, tools and techniques in serving community and population health.

Skills Developed:

On successful completion of the course the students shall be able to develop the skills such as interpersonal communication, professional etiquette, soft skills, networking etc., which can contribute to employability.

Evaluation: This course will be evaluated for 100 marks involving both internal and external evaluations. An evaluation of 60 marks will be done at the host organization level by the external supervisor and 40 marks of internal evaluation through a 30 minutes PPT presentation in a class room setting at the Department level in the University. The Department will send (e-mail/post) an evaluation form (**Annexure-I**) to the external supervisor at the host organization which will be completed by the host organization supervisor and returned to the Department in a sealed envelope or e-mail to the HoD-Department of Public Health & Community Medicine, CUK.

Process and duration of the internship: The students are required to identify a host organization and discuss it with the H.O.D. Upon confirmation, a request letter from the H.O.D may be issued to the student for submission to the host organization. On completion of the internship, students are required to meet requirements (if any) recommended by the host organization as well as obtain a compulsory 4-week internship completion certificate from the host organization, addressed to the HOD.

Selection of host organization for internship: The students are required to identify a reputed health organization in India under the auspice of Government (State and Central), Public, Private (for profit), Trust or Not-for profit sectors. These organizations may include: registered research and educational institutions, central, state and district health agencies, international and regional NGOs and funding bodies, UN bodies working in healthcare, reputed pharmaceutical companies, clinical research organizations, registered aged care homes, foundation of corporate bodies engaged in corporate social

responsibility with focus on healthcare, standalone hospitals (not less than 100 beds), aged care homes, medical college and hospitals, health insurance agencies, IT companies working in healthcare domain etc