

**Saint Louis University School of Public Health
Community Health Practice Experience Program 2008-09**

Master of Science in Public Health

GUIDELINES FOR MSPH RESEARCH PROJECT

The Master of Science in Public Health curriculum is designed to respond to the recognized need of advanced (e.g. PhD, MD) health care practitioners to gain enhanced knowledge and experience in public health research. The MSPH Research Project supports this purpose by requiring that a student in this curriculum complete a professional research paper of publishable quality. This course is an independent directed research project that culminates the Master of Science in Public Health. Under the guidance of the academic advisor and other qualified mentor(s), each student designs and implements a research project commensurate with their professional training and interests, using the skills developed in the MSPH curriculum.

The student may be working on his/her project during one or more semesters, and may register for the course in more than one semester if no other courses are being taken. The course title/number for the project is: **Research Project, CMH 596-01**, for 0 credit hours. The course will be graded when the requirements below have been met. Grading is satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U).

The following guidelines apply:

- The research project is will not be given a grade until approved by the student's faculty advisor.
- Except with the prior approval of the faculty advisor, the internship should not be started until the student has completed **Advanced Epidemiology Methods (EPI-C601)** or **Research Methods in Behavioral Science (BSH-C601)**, so that the student has acquired the necessary research skills.
- Required MSPH Research Project paperwork consists of:
 - 1) ***MSPH Research Project Description*** form (see separate sheet),
 - 2) Copy of the final project.
- To document that the requirement is met, the ***MSPH Research Project Description*** form and a copy of the project are kept on file with the MPH Internship Coordinator:

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