ENVHLTH 493: INTERNSHIP

Paper Guidelines:

In your internship paper, you should reflect on your internship experience and represent the sponsoring agency to the Department of Community and Environmental Health and to prospective interns. Writing the paper should start with the recognition that what you write will become a public document. It will help future interns if it is honest and thoughtful. The paper will be read and evaluated before it is placed in your student file. It will not be returned to you, so be sure to keep a copy.

Your paper should describe, analyze, and evaluate your experience as it relates to environmental and occupational health. It should do more than merely describe what you did; it should show that you have thought carefully about your experience and are familiar with issues important in the field. The paper should include the following bullet items:

• A clear and coherent description of what your internship involved, how it was organized or supervised, and what role you played within the agency with whom you worked. What were your responsibilities? How did you contribute to the agency's operations and goals? Did your role or responsibilities change during the internship period?

• An analysis of the agency's cultural, social, or political function and/or an analysis of issues related to your experience. The purpose here is to go beyond description to give depth and a broader perspective to your experience. What cultural, social, or political forces does the agency with whom you worked respond to? In what ways, if any, have your studies in environmental and occupational health prepared you for what was expected of you as an intern?

• An evaluation of your internship experience. Include an evaluation of yourself and of the agency with whom you worked. What were your goals for this internship? Did you meet these goals? Was the internship experience entirely satisfying? What did you learn? Evaluate the internship as an educational experience.

Paper length:

No less than 3 pages in length.

Deadline:

Your internship paper is due on the last day of finals week for the semester you are applying for internship credits.

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