

To the place of internship

### **Internship for students in the Bachelor of Science in Public Health programme at SDU**

Students in the Bachelor of Science in Public Health programme at University of Southern Denmark (SDU) are given the possibility to do internships in their 4th semester. This internship may be conducted in private or public organisations/companies in Denmark or abroad. Alternatively, students may participate actively in a research project at national or international level. As a general rule, the internship must be unpaid.

Please find below some general guidelines on the general objectives of such an internship together with the specific competency objectives.

#### **General objectives:**

The content of the internship must relate to public health in a broad sense and be rooted in a specific project dealt with during the period of internship

The general objective of the internship is to increase the student's ability to:

- participate and work actively and analytically in health-related issues at the place of internship
- use health-related research terms and contexts in connection with specific issues at the place of internship

#### **Specific competency objectives:**

At the end of the internship period, the student will have acquired the following competencies:

- visualise and apply theoretical terms and contexts related to public health in practice
- demonstrate the ability to solve a prearranged task effectively in co-operation with the place of internship
- communicate results and acquired competencies from the internship period into a concise poster and subsequently develop competencies in connection with an oral preparation

#### **Conditions of the internship:**

In order to obtain a positive outcome of the internship period, it is a prerequisite that the student and the place of internship make a written agreement (an internship agreement, page 3) pertaining to the academic objectives, the content and the organisation of the internship. At the place of internship, the student must be assigned to an academically qualified supervisor who must hold either a master's degree or a Master of Science degree at a minimum. It is also the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure, that the intern becomes an integrated member of the organisation, e.g. through participation in staff meetings or other face to face activity, and to provide regular feedback to the intern on his/her tasks.

In combination with the daily work during the internship period, the student must work with a pre-arranged and specified task in which the student must demonstrate the ability to convert theory into practice. This task must be agreed upon with the academic supervisor prior to the internship period and must be approved by the Academic Study Board of Public Health in connection with pre-approval of the internship agreement.

The length of the internship period is corresponding to 8 weeks of full-time, unpaid employment (37-hour work week).

During the internship period, a supervisor at SDU is appointed to ensure that the student acquires competencies in connection with the preparation of a poster as a completion of the internship period.

Here is a link to the education website on internships (only in Danish)

[https://mitsdu.dk/da/mit\\_studie/bachelor/folkesundhedsvidenskab\\_bachelor/uddannelsens\\_opbygning/muligheder-undervejs/projektorienteret\\_forloeb](https://mitsdu.dk/da/mit_studie/bachelor/folkesundhedsvidenskab_bachelor/uddannelsens_opbygning/muligheder-undervejs/projektorienteret_forloeb)

If the place of internship requires any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

We look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

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