To the place of internship

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

Students on the bachelor’s in public health at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) must on their 4th semester do an unpaid internship in a private company, public institution or similar in Denmark. Students can also participate actively in an unpaid research-oriented project at national and international institutions.

# 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:

* to participate actively and analytically in the work with health-related issues at the place of internship
* use health science concepts and frameworks of understanding in the work with specific problems during the 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
* scientific skill within investigating and analysing a given problem in real life context and disseminate the results through a written internship rep
* dissemination of results and acquired competences from the internship in a poster form and, in this context, develop competencies in relation to the production of results and oral presentation.

# 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 con- tent 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 public health study board at the university in connection with pre-approval of the internship agreement.

The internship lasts 8 weeks with a 37-hour unpaid working week in the period starting from March/April.

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

Here is a link to the education website on internships <https://mitsdu.dk/da/mit_studie/bachelor/folkesundhedsvidenskab_bachelor/uddannelsens_opbygning/muligheder-undervejs/projektorienteret_forloeb#praktikperiode>

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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Best regards,

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**Internship agreement**

A short text confirming that the place of internship (mentioned by name) and you as a student (mentioned by name) have agreed on the following terms for an unpaid internship.

**Information**

Place of internship:

Address:

Internship period:

Weekly number of hours:

Academic adviser (name, job title and academic title):

**Purpose of the internship**

Describe the purpose of the internship

**Work tasks**

Describe the work tasks you as a trainee are expected to handle, contribute to and/or solve during your period of internship.

**Specific work task, effort or product**

Describe a specific work task, effort or product that you as a trainee in corporation the place of internship will place a special focus upon.

**Special conditions**

Describe any special conditions applying for the internship such as confidentiality, access to a computer, physical placement and so forth.

Signature Signature

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Title and name of academic adviser Name of the student

at the place of internship The students address

Name and address of the place of internship