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To the place of internship

Internship for students in the Master of Science in Public Health programme at SDU

Students in the Master of Science in Public Health programme at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) are given the possibility to do an internship during their 3rd 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. The internship must be unpaid.

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 in regard to the organisation, planning, carrying out and evaluation of projects
- 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
- scientific skill within investigating and analysing a given problem in real life context and disseminate the results through a written internship report

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) 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 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 length of the internship period must equal a workload of maximum 15 ETCS points corresponding to 8 weeks unpaid employment (37-hour workweek).

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 programmes website about internships: https://mitsdu.dk/da/mit_studie/kandidat/folkesundhedsvidenskab-kandidat-odense/uddannelsens_opbygning/muligheder-undervejs/projektorienteret-forloeb#praktikstedet (only in Danish)

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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