PRACTICUM EXAMPLES

1. Conduct patient education and assessment at free clinics in South Carolina, collect data from patient education/assessments, analyze data from patient education/assessments, conduct program specific research, complete a program process evaluation, complete an epidemiological assessment of target population and general South Carolina population, compare assessment results, and assist in program fundraising activities.

2. For the 2017 Oklahoma Farmers Market Conference, the 2017 Step Into Spring 5K Fun Walk/Run, and the Oklahoma Farmers Markets accepting SNAP initiative, the student will participate in meetings and communication with government public health officials and community organizations to develop appropriate content and logistical support. For the 2017 Nutrition Calendar Distribution and Cooking Classes, the student will develop Social Marketing outreach programs and content for presentations to community members.

3. Working to revitalize the Lexington County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), a collaboration of county health care workers, law enforcement officers and sexual assault prevention advocates working together to help sexual assault victims receive the help they need in the best way possible. Conduct a literature review on best practices on reinitiating community collaboration; research other SART programs across the country and attend meetings with the Manager of Medical Social Services (the representative from LMC) pertaining to the topic of women’s reproductive rights and sexual assault prevention.

4. Will use the SC Promise Zone identified areas within the DHEC Lowcountry to research the needs of clients within area transportation, employment and health care services. Identify resources and review for best communication skills that can be used to help underserved clients obtain health care services within area. Make survey assessment tool to administer to clients when come into Bamberg Health Department regarding the access of services, the needed services and any limitations.

5. The experiences to be undertaken include meeting with public health entities across the State to identify current efforts in place to combat the issue of psychiatric boarders in the ED. Utilizing resources from SCCEP such as hospital director contact information, a survey will be created and conducted to gather data on the issue across the State. That information will be shared with other public health entities in order to develop advocacy actions.

6. The practicum project will have a focus on the overall wellness of the participating clients at Epworth Children’s Home. This will be accomplished through leading Life Skills Groups in participating cottages, coaching the Epworth Girls on the Run team and having weekly one on one session with an individual client.
7. The purpose is to increase knowledge, skills and self-efficacy concerning the eight dimensions of wellness: physical, emotional, spiritual, occupational, financial, social, environmental and intellectual. As this practicum combines both Social Work and Public Health values and competencies, the student will approach client programs through a holistic, person-in-environment lens, while also promoting health and overall wellness as an avenue for clients to reach ultimate goals. The specific dimensions of wellness targeted will be defined by the Ansel-Casey Life Skills Assessment, Cottage Life Skills curriculum, Girls on the Run curriculum and specific client goals.

8. Student will assume a management-type role by serving as a manager that specializes in clinic optimization and patient retention. It is the student's responsibility to strategize with clinic staff and patients to develop a process model to modify clinic processes to increase patient retention. Student will be exposed to both clinic and office practice resources to help develop a plan that works from both perspectives. Student will work closely with office managers and physicians to construct feasible changes that satisfy current resource needs.

9. Student will work at DHEC, surface water monitoring section- Bureau of Water, to complete this analysis of enterococcus bacteria level data in the Grand Strand area and the evaluation of important environmental factors affecting human illness. Student will work at DHEC office in Columbia, SC and will be using DHEC's resources as to compile a technical report analyzing information on the movement of water outfalls in Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach, on human health in South Carolina. Report could lead to further investigation.

10. Participate in laboratory research to investigate microbial antibiotic resistance and its connections to human activity and health. Perform experiments, collect, analyze, and evaluate quantitative data. Gain advanced educator training and teaching experience by developing written and oral instructional materials and serving as instructor for an undergraduate public health course on environmental pollution and health; responsible for associated educator duties such as assisting students academically as needed, assignment and exam development and grading, and maintaining academic records.