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SYLLABUS

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Internship

7,5 Higher Education Credits Level A1F

General Information

Field

Public Health

Subject

Public Health

Type of Course and Place in the Educational System

Elective course within the Master Programme in Public Health

Language of Instruction

English

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

Upon completion of the course, the student will:

- have gained insight into how acquired knowledge and skills can be applied to professional life.
- possess an understanding of the needed skills and demands of professional life.
- be knowledgeable of the multi-faceted role of the modern-day Public Health worker.

Skills and Abilities

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- analyze and critically reflect on the theories and methods concerning professional life.
- present to a group the knowledge and experience gained from the course.
- analyze and critically reflect on the role of the Public Health worker.
- obtain and select relevant information regarding professional issues.
- cooperate with colleagues and other professional actors within the field, in order to accomplish the tasks assigned by the workplace/organization.

Judgment Capabilities and Approach

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- independently identify ethical issues within the field, and to conduct a discussion around these, based on ethical principles and guidelines.



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Course Content

The course will stimulate discussion and reflection around professional life. It will give the student insight into the knowledge and skills required to work independently. It will also provide experience of how to handle varied tasks and issues in professional life. In cooperation with the course leaders, the student will him/herself contact an organization working with Public Health issues. During 4 weeks the student will be in practice at the host organization, with Public Health issues. The content of the work depends on the size, field and organizational structure, etc. of the host organization. This requires a flexible approach to the structure of the internship. After the internship period, the student will compose a report including the following points:

- Hold a presentation of the host organization, and an analysis of the organizational structure based on the course literature.
- Describe, analyze and reflect on the tasks performed during the internship, their connection to Public Health work and their relevance to the knowledge and skills taught at the Master Programme.
- Describe, analyze and reflect on what has characterized the collaboration with colleagues.
- Describe, analyze and reflect on the ethical issues connected to the assigned tasks and the role of the Public Health professional.
- Describe, analyze and reflect on their own professional role as compared to other professional roles at the workplace.
- Describe, analyze and reflect on what knowledge and which skills are missing in their education and that are important to professional life, as well as reflect on how these shortcomings have been coped with during the internship.
- Describe the most educational parts of the internship and give some helpful tips for future interns.

The report will then be presented at a seminar with the rest of the class.

Teaching and Examination

1. The teaching consists of full-time practice during four weeks at an assigned or chosen place of work. The extent and conceived tasks of the internship will be presented and approved before the student begins the internship. The student will be assigned a supervisor/ manager at the workplace. After the internship is completed, the



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- supervisor/ manager will send a report describing the student's work during the course. The report will attest that the student has been active and present.
2. The examination consists of both a written report and an oral presentation of the report.

Marks

The applied marks range is: Pass – Fail.

Admission Requirements

The student is required to have completed Semesters 1 and 2 of the Master Programme in Public Health, and achieved a passing mark on a minimum of 45 university credits.

Literature

Is available as per specified appendix.