The Applied Practice Experience (APE) curricular requirement for the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program contributes to the student’s professional, intellectual and personal development.

The APE is comprised of two components—
1. **Fieldwork**: 120-hour blocks at multiple sites or 360 hours at a single site.
2. **Community service**: 120 hours of engagement with MSM MPH Community-Academic Partners.

The goal of the APE is for students to synthesize and integrate public health theory and skills acquired from coursework and other learning experiences and to demonstrate competency attainment through community engagement and fieldwork placements. In addition to providing an opportunity for students to continue to learn and develop as public health practitioners, the APE provides preceptors with technical assistance from students on public health and community service projects.

**MORE** for Fieldwork Placement

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MORE provides financial support to students who are completing their APE fieldwork placements during the summer months. MORE supports students who are assigned to preceptors at local, state, and federal agencies as well as private, non-profit, and community-based organizations that provide meaningful public health work experiences to advance health equity.

For additional information about MORE, please contact Brenton Powers, Program Manager, Graduate Education in Public Health.
Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) is one of five Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) that comprise the Atlanta University Center Consortium (AUCC). MSM is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of health professional and scientific workforce; and addressing primary health care needs through programs in education, research and service, with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations in Georgia and the nation.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) Program at MSM provides the public health theory that supports the social mission of MSM. The mission of the MPH Program is to develop, through graduate education, public health leaders who are fluent in community-focused public health research and practice, particularly in underserved communities. We offer a generalist curriculum focused on community health in underserved populations.

**CURRICULUM**

The generalist degree consists of 48-credit hours of core courses, electives, and additional required courses. Our generalist curriculum ensures that all MSM MPH degree recipients are proficient in the community-focused work that undergirds the social mission of the institution while still meeting or exceeding the accreditation standards set forth by the Council on Education for Public Health.

Students complete the following courses, along with two elective courses, prior to beginning the Applied Practice Experience:

- Fundamentals of Public Health
- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Research Methods
- Community Health Assessment & Improvement
- Global Health
- Social & Behavioral Aspects of Public Health