

Preceptor Guidelines



Western
University
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

College of
Veterinary Medicine



CVM 7559 Public Health

- The Preceptor must be a public health professional in the USA or abroad currently engaged in activities that impact the physical, mental or social wellbeing of the community. Public health professionals shall include but are not limited to physicians, veterinarians, PhD scientists, and allied health professionals with extensive experience and knowledge (min. 5 years) in matters pertaining to human and animal health.
- An advanced degree such as an MPH or MPVM or specialty board certification in a public health field is preferable but not required.
- If there is no national certification body or program for their field, Preceptor approval is at the discretion of the College of Veterinary Medicine's Committee on Clinical Instruction (CCI).
- The Preceptor must work directly with the student and provide ongoing supervision, monitoring and feedback of the student's performance, with learning objectives and assessment documents provided by the college. The Preceptor must ensure that the student knows which health professional(s) will provide input for the evaluation.
- The Preceptor's caseload/activity level must be adequate to provide a rich educational experience.
- The Preceptor at the site must be able to provide the student with at least 40 hours of contact time per week. If the primary Preceptor works at a site part-time, and the student will be working with multiple health professionals, the approximate weekly work hours of each health professional must be indicated on the Preceptor Enrollment Form as well as the corresponding Clinical Site Enrollment form.
- The Preceptor must provide for an orientation to the site, including policies, procedures, and assessment criteria/expectations.
- The Preceptor must allow WesternU-CVM faculty to visit the student when necessary or as scheduled. The Preceptor must allow the student to attend any videoconference meetings as scheduled by WesternU-CVM faculty.
- The Preceptor must provide a collaborative learning environment promoting active student participation in the approach to and/or management of public health related concerns.
- The Preceptor must ensure reasonable availability of paper or electronic reference resources.
- Licensing Board actions against the Preceptor (if applicable) may impact approval of the rotation.
- The Preceptor should refer to the Preceptor Handbook for further clarification of any of the above points.