



# CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE & LEADERSHIP

*at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health*

The Center for Public Health Practice & Leadership's (CPHPL) mission is to support students, faculty, alumni and practitioners as current and emerging health leaders to achieve excellence in practice & leadership as they promote individual and community health. The Center collaborates with academic, practice, and community partners to make the link between teaching, research and the practice of public health. We live and promote a commitment to diversity, human rights and social justice. We believe everyone can be a leader, and that we can all lead from wherever we are.

## MPH Internships

Public health practice is an integral part of the master of public health (MPH) degree. Internships are the primary means through which students strengthen their practice, knowledge and skills. The requirement for an approved, supervised internship applies to MPH students in the two- and three-year programs and to all areas of concentration. CPHPL provides the academic and administrative structure for the practice component of the MPH program. Field Consultants provide support to each student to choose and have a successful internship.

## Career Services

School of Public Health (SPH) Career Services assists SPH students and alumni to discover and pursue public health employment that suits their goals and passions and enables them to make a difference in public health. SPH Career Services is dedicated to bringing together employers, students, and alumni to contribute to industry and community needs for a better trained and diverse public health workforce.

## Professional Development

CPHPL offers professional development opportunities for students, alumni, and public health practitioners in order to improve their professional knowledge, competence, skill, and effectiveness. The Center provides students with practice-based project development courses, workshops, events, and experiences in order to be better prepared for jobs post graduation.

## Leadership Development

CPHPL programs also enhance the School's curricular, co-curricular and experiential offerings to inspire and prepare graduate students to be effective health leaders. The Center develops practical leadership programs, resources, and conferences for alumni and health professionals in order to expand their leadership capacity. CPHPL works with students and faculty to develop additional beneficial offerings around the theme of "leading from where you are".

## Advocacy Initiative

The Advocacy Initiative is a program for students, recent alumni, and public health organizations to engage in campaigns to improve or protect health policies. This provides practical, hands-on advocacy training to augment other student learning models. The overarching goal is for students and graduates to serve as effective agents of change for underserved communities throughout California.

## Student Groups

**Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Women's Circle**  
The Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Women's Circle aims to provide a unique space for women to meet, connect over shared experiences, and develop strong support during graduate school. Our long-term vision is to develop a strong professional network that extends beyond our graduate experiences and that advances culturally humble/responsive and equitable public health practice to serve unique needs of diverse communities, including API communities.

**Black Advocates for Equity in Health (BAEH)**  
BAEH exists to provide space and resources to support and empower Black students in the School of Public Health. Our aim is to unify students, faculty, and staff across divisions with in SPH, and to focus on health equity and addressing/dismantling structural anti-blackness on campus and beyond.

**Cal Student Assistance for Public Health (Cal STAPH)**  
CalSTAPH provides training and response opportunities to public health graduate students by assisting state and local health departments in California during outbreaks and other public health emergencies. [calstaph.wordpress.com](http://calstaph.wordpress.com)

**Student Collaborative for Impact Leadership (SCIL)**  
SCIL is a professional group dedicated to developing leadership skills through interdisciplinary collaboration and programming. This student-driven collaborative allows members to shape their own professional development.