MPH Capstone and Thesis Sites:
A Comprehensive List
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Choosing A Site

When choosing a capstone or thesis site, consider the following points to aid you in selecting a site that benefits you most. Having an idea of who, what, where, why, and how will help you identify relevant sites.

- What is your concentration and does the site align with the fundamentals of your area?
- Is there a certain population you want to serve? Think about race, ethnicity, culture, age, gender/sex, sexual orientation, families, communities, socioeconomic status, location, etc...
- Is there a certain health behavior or public health issue you want to work on?
- Is there a certain social determinant of health or environmental risk factor you want to investigate such as poverty, crime, housing, neighborhood, education, policies, healthcare systems, etc…?
- Do you want a site close to you or close to UC? Do you prefer to work in a health department, hospital, school, non-profit organization, senior facility, community center, etc.?
- What tasks do you want to accomplish? What are you hoping to learn about? Are you interested in advocacy, policy, working in communities, working on educational prevention programs, learning about disease, etc...?

This guide is meant to help you navigate sites for your capstone and thesis. This list is constantly changing with new sites are being added. There is also the option of finding your own site if none listed are suitable for your project goals. If you find a site that is not listed in this guide, please send the site information to Professor Doarn for approval. Contact Professor Doarn at doarn@ucmail.uc.edu. Also, the examples of past student projects and possible student activities are meant to give an idea of what could be done at that organization. It does not mean you are guaranteed to work on similar projects.
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1. **American Diabetes Association**  
   **Mission:** To positively impact the lives of those who have diabetes as well as aid in diabetes prevention via research, education, programs, and advocacy. Past student projects include planning and executing diabetes events and using social media to disseminate information to the public.  
   **Website:** [https://www.diabetes.org](https://www.diabetes.org)

2. **American Red Cross**  
   **Mission:** To provide emergency assistance, disaster relief, and disaster preparedness education. Past student projects include working on a fire safety education and prevention campaign and creating the Nurses Network for the organization.  
   **Website:** [https://www.redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)

3. **Bons Secours-Mercy Health**  
   **Mission:** Our mission is to extend the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying and underserved.  
   **Website:** [https://bsmhealth.org/](https://bsmhealth.org/)

4. **Butler Country Health Department**  
   **Mission:** Prevent disease and injury, promote health and wellness, protect the environment, and achieve health equity.  
   **Website:** [http://health.bcohio.us/](http://health.bcohio.us/)

5. **Caracole, Inc**  
   **Mission:** To positively change lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS via prevention, housing and care. Community outreach, education, HIV/HCV testing, safer injection and overdose prevention supplies, and syringe services are a few prevention strategies. Permanent housing support is given in order to aid in preventing homelessness and access to health care for those with HIV is promoted via medical case management and pharmacy services.  
   **Website:** [https://www.caracole.org](https://www.caracole.org)

6. **Cincinnati Health Department:***  
   **Mission:** To assure access to quality services and to improve community health and wellness of Cincinnati citizens. CHD advocates for health and human services that promote healthy living environments and social well-being as well as work to reduce health inequities such as poverty and unemployment. CHD also does work related to lead poison, disease, food borne illness, maternal and infant health, public health preparedness, and adolescent health to name a few.  
   **Website:** [https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/)

7. **Cincinnati’s Children’s Health Medical Center**  
   **Mission:** Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is a leader in pediatric medicine, research, and education. They care for infants to adolescents and have unique opportunities for students to explore various health topics. Past student projects include researching strategies for reducing avoidable re-hospitalization, standardizing space planning guidelines
for pediatric occupational therapy, health promotion/employee health and wellness projects, and projects related to patient safety.
Website: https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org

8. Clermont County Health Department
Mission: Striving to improve Clermont County by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.
Website: https://ccphohio.org/

9. Closing the Health Gap
Mission: To change health outcomes for underserved populations. Goal is to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by working with communities, healthcare organizations and leaders to address health inequities via policy change, initiatives, and educational programming. Past student projects include data analysis, research on the impact of ZIP codes on African-American families, working on a community-based initiative focused on food insecurity among African American residents, and evaluating an after-school campaign.
Website: https://closingthehealthgap.org

10. Cradle Cincinnati
Mission: Cradle Cincinnati is a network of partners working across sectors to improve preconception health, pregnancy health and infant health in order to reduce preterm birth and infant mortality in Hamilton County. Past student projects include data analysis and working with the Hamilton County Health Department to promote reproductive health.
Website: https://www.cradlecincinnati.org

11. Crossroads Health Center
Mission: To provide accessible, comprehensive health care while working with patients and the community to promote healthy outcomes. Students have the opportunity to assess the effects poverty has on healthcare. Activities may include scheduling referral appointments at outside offices while taking into consideration potential limiting barriers such as lack of insurance or transportation issues. Student may also gain an understanding of the operations of a community clinic. An example of a past student project is conducting an analysis and designing a strategic plan to address the needs of the homeless population.
Website: http://www.crossroadhc.org

12. Environmental Protection Agency
Mission: The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. EPA Cincinnati is committed to reducing the environmental impacts of our operations and limiting our natural resource consumption.
Website: https://www.epa.gov/oh
13. Hamilton County Health Department

Mission: To educate, serve and protect the community as well as increase healthy outcomes. The Hamilton County Health Department strives to promote healthy communities via education programs and services that address immunizations, nutrition, physical activity, disease transmission, access to health care, and more. Past student projects include assessing childhood vaccine accessibility, research on stormwater mapping, assessing the Hamilton County Cancer Incidence Report for cancer trends, assessing health equity among maternal and child health outcomes, and contact tracing.
Website: https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org

14. HRSA Grad Student Epidemiology Program

Mission: Students will have the opportunity to enhance their data analysis skills and aid health agencies with data driven projects.
Website: https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-20-042

15. Interact for Health

Mission: To improve health by promoting health equity through community engagement, research, education and policy. Interact for Health focuses on three strategic priorities: reduce tobacco use, address the opioid epidemic, increase access to school-based health centers. An example of a past student project is evaluating pay for a performance program in school-based health centers.
Website: https://www.interactforhealth.org

16. Lighthouse Youth Services

Mission: To empower young people and families to succeed through care that promotes healing and growth. Lighthouse offers an integrated system of care for ages 0-24. This includes mental health services, youth housing, emergency shelter, community juvenile justice services, residential treatment, early intervention, and foster care and adoption. Lighthouse is also working to end youth homelessness and is the lead agency in the KEYS to a Future Without Youth Homelessness initiative in Hamilton County.
Website: https://www.lys.org

17. Medpace

Mission: Through global partnerships, Medpace is committed to clinical research and ethical standards when it comes to drug and medical device development services and laboratory services. An example of a past student project is analyzing clinical data.
Website: https://www.medpace.com

18. Mind Peace Cincinnati

Mission: Promote quality mental health care for children and adolescents that is not only affordable but also puts emphasis on system connections. They strive to expand school based mental health services. Students may have the opportunity to work on research projects, data analysis, networking, and updating their provider database to name a few.
Website: https://mindpeacecincinnati.com
19. **Northern Kentucky Health Department**  
**Mission:** To prevent disease, promote wellness and protect against health threats. NKY Health strives to promote healthy living environments and reduce negative health outcomes related to various public health issues such as diabetes and nutrition. They also do work related to community health planning, communicable diseases, health education, disaster preparedness, and family planning to name a few. Past student projects include Hepatitis C surveillance and community education, analyzing data from a BMI Study, and assessing a school-based nutrition program.  
**Website:** [https://nkyhealth.org](https://nkyhealth.org)

20. **Proctor & Gamble**  
**Mission:** P&G is committed to promoting clean water globally and providing necessities to communities. Past student projects include assessing opportunities in global health and wellness programs, aiding with a grant proposal aimed at promoting safe drinking water for children, and bringing clean water to those with HIV/AIDS in rural Kenya.  
**Website:** [https://us.pg.com/community-impact/#regional-program](https://us.pg.com/community-impact/#regional-program)

21. **PreventionFirst!**  
**Mission:** To promote healthy behaviors by igniting and sustaining community change. Goals are to strengthen and support community level substance use/misuse prevention efforts, promote collaboration across community sectors, and ensure data-driven decision-making for prevention action.  
**Website:** [https://www.prevention-first.org/home/](https://www.prevention-first.org/home/)

22. **Talbert House**  
**Mission:** Talbert House aims to empower children, adults and families to live healthy, safe and productive lives. Their network of mental health and addiction services focuses on prevention, assessment, treatment and reintegration.  
**Website:** [https://www.talberthouse.org/](https://www.talberthouse.org/)

23. **The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)**  
**Mission:** To promote a productive and safe work environment through research. The goal of NIOSH is to develop new knowledge in the field of occupational safety and health and then apply this knowledge to real world situations. Students will have the opportunity to promote safe working environments via research. An example of a past student project is assessing proper methods to separate and calculate ambient and occupational burdens.  
**Website:** [https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/)

24. **TriHealth**  
**Mission:** To provide a full range of health-related services, including prevention, wellness and education. This health system brings multiple hospitals, physician practices, fitness centers, occupational health centers, and hospice care together. Past student projects include identifying those at risk for diabetes, assessing diabetes treatment, and working on projects related to corporate administration and performance improvement.  
**Website:** [https://www.trihealth.com](https://www.trihealth.com)
25. UC Health & College of Nursing
   **Mission:** UC Health is committed to advancing medicine and improving the health of all. By fostering groundbreaking medical research and education, they seek to deliver exceptional primary and specialty care services. An example of a past student project is assessing best practices during COVID-19 for policy & practice.
   **Website:** [https://www.uchealth.com](https://www.uchealth.com)

26. UC Student Wellness
   **Mission:** The Student Wellness Center provides resources about various health and wellness topics. Topics include alcohol, body image, financial wellness, general health and wellness, mental health, nutrition & fitness, sexual health, stress management, and tobacco & drugs to name a few. An example of a past student project is developing a wellness program aimed at graduate and professional students at UC.
   **Website:** [https://campuslink.uc.edu/organization/student-wellness-center](https://campuslink.uc.edu/organization/student-wellness-center)

27. Village Life Outreach Project
   **Mission:** The mission of Village Life Outreach Project is to unite communities to promote Life, Health and Education. By partnering with the villages of Roche, Nyambogo, and Burere in the Rycler District of Tanzania, Easter Africa, Village Life implements sustainable projections to fight poverty and improve health, water quality and quantity, and educational outcomes. Lessons from Tanzania of love, global citizenship, and social responsibility are shared with the Cincinnati community and beyond through partnerships and service-learning initiatives at local schools and universities.
   **Website:** [http://villagelifeoutreachproject.org/](http://villagelifeoutreachproject.org/)

28. VHA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
   **Mission:** To advocate for health promotion, disease prevention, and health education among veterans as well as advise VHA leadership on disease prevention policy. Students may have the opportunity to aid in projects aimed at enhancing the health, well-being, and quality of life for veterans.
   **Website:** [https://www.prevention.va.gov/About_Us/index.asp](https://www.prevention.va.gov/About_Us/index.asp)

29. Warren County Health District
   **Mission:** Working to build health communities every day.
   **Website:** [https://warrenchd.com/](https://warrenchd.com/)

30. Women Helping Women
   **Mission:** To prevent gender-based violence and empower survivors. Prevention and expert crisis intervention and support services are utilized for survivors of dating violence, sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking in areas surrounding Cincinnati. WHW also promotes education to prevent gender-based violence before it ever starts. Opportunities to work on advocacy, prevention and education efforts may be available.
   **Website:** [https://www.womenhelpingwomen.org](https://www.womenhelpingwomen.org)
31. YMCA

Mission: To build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Fitness programs aimed at all ages including children, adults, and seniors. The Y aims to improve the health and well-being of communities by providing programs and activities that promote wellness and reduce risk for disease. An example of a past student project is an evaluation the YMCA's Livestrong Cancer Program and assessing cancer survivors' physical fitness, mental wellness, and daily functioning.

Website: https://myy.org