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| AB       | Alberta Health Services | Variable | Minimum 12 - 16 weeks | Covers all major EH areas | William Hohn  
Edmonton  
780-342-0124  
William.Hohn@albertahealthservices.ca | Practicum students are from Concordia University College recruitment system |
| BC       | Fraser Health Authority | 11 students per year | 12 week practicum for BCIT Environmental Health students | Covers all the major EH areas | Tim Shum  
604-949-7262  
tim.shum@fraserhealth.ca | All students placed by BCIT/PHI program instructors. Students are involved with various PHIs from Fraser Health. |
|          | Interior Health Authority | 6 students per year, Kelowna/Kamloops/Vernon/Penticton/Nelson/Cranbrook | 12 week practicum for BCIT & Concordia PHI students/Post Grad students will be considered on a project basis | Covers all Health Protection Program areas | Ken Christian, Director  
250-851-7309  
ken.christian@interiorhealth.ca | Practicum students are from BCIT and Concordia University. Must have valid Class 5 BC Drivers Licence. Local travel required |
|          | Ministry of Health | Occasional | Longer periods (6-mo - 1 yr) provided as PHI graduate secondments for special projects  
Shorter periods may also be available | Drinking Water Land Use Management Food Safety | Tim Lambert  
Victoria  
250-952-1987  
tim.lambert@gov.bc.ca | No practicum set up at the moment, but interested in providing future EH opportunities |
|          | Northern Health Public Health Protection | 3 students per year | Minimum of 12 weeks | Covers all the major EH areas | Lucy Beck  
250-649-7063  
lucy.beck@northernhealth.ca | Students expected to be flexible with scheduling changes to facilitate areas of training as they arise. |
|          | Vancouver Coastal Health | 9 students per year | 12 week practicum for BCIT Environmental Health students | Covers all the major EH areas | Richard Taki  
Regional Director  
604-675-3800  
richard.taki@vch.ca | Practicum students are involved with various EHOs within VCH and are expected to be flexible with scheduling changes to facilitate areas of training as they arise. |
|          | Manitoba Health | Variable | Practicum for PHI students can be set up with Manitoba Health on an as ‘n’ need basis | Covers all the major EH areas | Mike LeBlanc  
204-788-6726  
mike.leblanc@gov.mb.ca | Although there is no formal practicum established, opportunities are available based on student request. Bursary program available. Priority is given to MB students, bursary students & those interested in a full-time position. |
|          | Dept. of Health | 4 students per year | Minimum 12 weeks (longer if appropriate) | Covers all the major EH areas | Scott MacLean  
506-453-2427  
scott.maclean@gnb.ca | Health Protection Branch divided into 4 regions and students are placed in one of these regions. |
|          | Service NL | Varies dependent upon need & resources | Minimum of 12 weeks | Covers all the major EH areas | Terry Battcock  
Service NL  
Confederation Building  
709-729-2104  
tbattcock@gov.nl.ca | Bursary program available. Paid position |
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| NS       | Dept of Health and Wellness | 3 per year | 14 weeks                  | Food Safety (Dept of Agriculture) and Environmental Monitoring & Compliance (Dept of Environment)  
* Students go through both of the above programs | Linda Passerini  
902-424-2736  
linda.passerini@gov.ns.ca | Joint involvement between Dept of Health and Wellness, Dept of Environment, and Dept of Agriculture |
| NT       | Dept of Health & Social Services | 1 at a time | As need arises and as funding is available | All areas of EH | Duane Fleming  
867-873-2183  
Duane_Fleming@gov.nt.ca | Practicum opportunity is open when funding is available.  
Paid position for student PHI from NT |
| ON       | Eastern Ontario Health Unit | 2 bilingual students | Minimum of 12 weeks         | Covers all major EH areas                                                                 | Christine Shannon  
Cornwall, ON  
613-933-1375 ex 259 or 1-800-267-7120  
chshannon@eohu.ca | Student will be placed with 1 supervisor and mentored by PHIs, in rotation. Mainly summer placement but could also be during school year.  
Paid Position  
Scholarships could be offered. |
|          | Hamilton Public Health Services | 2 to 4 | Usually 16 weeks or more, generally summer sessions | Covers all major EH and ID areas | Susan Harding-Cruz  
Hamiton, ON  
905-546-2424 Ext. 3576  
susan.harding-cruz@hamilton.ca | Mentored by PHIs. Structured practicum. Usually begin recruitment in February.  
Located one hour west of Toronto. |
| NT       | Hamilton Public Health Services | 2 bilingual students | Minimum of 12 weeks | Test all areas of EH | Duane Fleming  
867-873-2183  
Duane_Fleming@gov.nt.ca | Practicum opportunity is open when funding is available.  
Paid position for student PHI from NT |
|          | Oxford County Public Health & Emergency Services | Up to 2 | 16 weeks; May to August, 2012 | EH Focus: sewage, communicable diseases, summer camps, recreational water, small drinking water systems, Smoke Free Ontario Act, emergencies, West Nile virus, rabies prevention and control, food premises | Peter Heywood  
Woodstock, ON  
519-539-9800 ex 3502  
publichealth@county.oxford.on.ca  
RE: Student Public Health Inspector Practicum | Student public health inspector will provide assistance to staff PH Inspectors and other members of the Health Protection Team.  
Paid position.  
Must have valid driver's licence and use of vehicle.  
Located within 50 km of London and Kitchener. |
|          | Peel Public Health Department | Up to 6 for 2012 | Approximately May 14th to August 31st, 2012 | EH focus: Food Safety, Safe Drinking Water, Health Hazard Investigation, Tobacco Control, Communicable Disease Control/Investigation, and other general PH activities as assigned (per OPHS) | Danny Martin  
905-791-7800 ext 7404  
danny.martin@peelregion.ca | Mentored by PHIs. Paid position. Structured practicum. Recruitment begins in February/March.  
Located 20-30 minutes west of Toronto. Peel Public Health jointly assisting Ryerson University with the February 15, 2012 “Career Fair” |
|          | Peel Public Health Department | Maximum of 2 | 2-3 months | EH research and policy | Ron de Burger  
416-338-7953  
ddburger@toronto.ca | Go to: “Healthy People, Healthy Environment” website: www.toronto.ca/health/hphe/index.htm for policy & research work available in numerous EH areas |
|          | Peel Public Health Department | Up to 6 placements in 2012 | 16 week practicum (minimum), summer session offered | EH Focus: Food Safety, Health Hazard Investigation, Tobacco Control and/or, Control of Infectious Diseases/Infection Control | Jan Kartailsis  
416-338-3673  
kkartails@toronto.ca | Located with a PH inspector as mentor.  
Priority placement is given to graduates of approved Canadian schools. |
| SK       | Regional Health Authorities | 1-2 per summer | Held during summer months | Match student with Saskatchewan RNA focus | Terry Gibson  
Regina  
306-655-4698  
terry.gibson@saskatoonhealthregion.ca | University of Saskatchewan combines with SK Health Region to provide programs  
PHI students from:  
First Nations University/Regina & Concordia University College/Edmonton |
| YT       | Health and Social Services | 1 per year | Usually during the summer months  
Dependent upon available staff | All areas of EH | Benton Foster  
867-667-8391  
benton.foster@gov.yk.ca | In Jan/Feb staff makes practicum plans for the coming year.  
Paid position |
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<td>Variable (BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, Atlantic)</td>
<td>Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch</td>
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<td>Covers all environmental public health areas. Focus is on delivery of services in First Nations communities in Canada.</td>
<td>Sara Strawczynski 613-941-5817 <a href="mailto:sara.strawczynski@hc-sc.gc.ca">sara.strawczynski@hc-sc.gc.ca</a></td>
<td>Paid position</td>
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### Practicum for Masters Degree in Public Health

| AB | Alberta Health Services | Variable | Independent program for students from School of PH, University of Alberta | William Hohn Edmonton 780-413-7930 William.Hohn@albertahealthservices.ca | Practicum possible if there is a match with Alberta Health Services’ needs at the time |
| BC | Ministry of Health | Occasional | Longer periods (6 mo - 1 yr) provided as PH graduate secondments for special projects; Shorter periods may also be available | Drinking Water; Land Use Management; Food Safety; Long Term Care/Assisted Living; Child Care | Tim Lambert Victoria 250-953-1987 tim.lambert@gov.bc.ca | No practicum set up at the moment, but interested in providing future EH opportunities |
| | National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) & BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) | Dependent upon supervisor availability | 3-4 months | Current EH topics; evaluation of past NCCEH activities & products; development of training materials. Field research projects with BCCDC | Christina Chociosko Vancouver 604-707-2465 christina.chociosko@bccdc.ca | Go to: "Healthy People, Healthy Environment" website (www.toronto.ca/health/hphe/index.htm) for policy & research work available in numerous EH areas |
| ON | Toronto Public Health | 1 per year | Placement: project based & planned around student needs & availability Placement Options: 3-6 months at workplace (full time); 1-2 days/week at workplace; student off-site (on campus) most of the time, with project supervision | Match student EH interest with a Toronto PH focus | Ron de Burger 416-338-7953 ron.deburg@toronto.ca | |
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<td>Dependent upon supervisor availability</td>
<td>On an individual basis, as requested</td>
<td>Student interest matched with EH content from Health Region as a whole</td>
<td>Louis Drouin Coordinator, 514-528-2400, <a href="mailto:ldrouin@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">ldrouin@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a>, Patrick Morency, Transport, urban design and Trauma, <a href="mailto:pmorency@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">pmorency@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a>, Louis Jacques, Housing and health, <a href="mailto:jacques@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">jacques@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a> and <a href="mailto:sperron@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">sperron@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a>, Audrey Smargiassi, Noise, indoor and outdoor air pollution and health, <a href="mailto:asmargiassi@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">asmargiassi@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a>, Lise Bertrand, Food availability and health, <a href="mailto:lbertrand@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">lbertrand@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a>, Yves Frenette, Water infiltration, moisture and mould: characterization and management, <a href="mailto:yfrenette@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">yfrenette@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a>, Lise Gauvin, Transport, urban design and cardiovascular risk, <a href="mailto:lise.gauvin.2@umontreal.ca">lise.gauvin.2@umontreal.ca</a>, Stéphane Perron, Built environment and health, <a href="mailto:sperron@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">sperron@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a></td>
<td>University of Montreal (<a href="http://www.mdtrav.umontreal.ca">www.mdtrav.umontreal.ca</a>) and McGill University are linked to the Montreal Regional Health Authorities for research work in EH.</td>
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<td>SK</td>
<td>Regional Health Authorities</td>
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<td>Student interest matched with EH content from Health Region as a whole</td>
<td>Terry Gibson, Regina, 396-655-4698, <a href="mailto:terry.gibson@saskatoonhealthregion.ca">terry.gibson@saskatoonhealthregion.ca</a></td>
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<td><strong>AB</strong></td>
<td>Alberta Health Services</td>
<td>5 medical students each year, 5 non public health and preventive medicine residents each year</td>
<td>Both medical students &amp; non community medical residents</td>
<td>Most EH areas are included</td>
<td>Doris Tomlinson Edmonton 780-413-4924 <a href="mailto:doris.tomlinson@albertahealthservices.ca">doris.tomlinson@albertahealthservices.ca</a></td>
<td>Serves students from University of Alberta Edmonton</td>
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<td>National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) &amp; BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)</td>
<td>Dependent upon supervisor availability</td>
<td>1-3 months for residents, 2-8 weeks for students</td>
<td>Current EH topics; evaluation of past NCCEH activities &amp; products; development of training materials; field research projects with BCCDC</td>
<td>Christina Chociolko Vancouver 604-707-2465 <a href="mailto:christina.chociolko@bccdc.ca">christina.chociolko@bccdc.ca</a></td>
<td>Open to applicants from all North American Schools of Medicine</td>
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<td><strong>MB</strong></td>
<td>Winnipeg Regional Health Authority</td>
<td>Variable</td>
<td>Rotation with Medical Officers of Health, in conjunction with other regional and provincial environmental health practitioners</td>
<td>Can be tailored to resident/student interest</td>
<td>Mike Routledge 204-940-3225 <a href="mailto:mroutledge@wrha.mb.ca">mroutledge@wrha.mb.ca</a></td>
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<td><strong>NT</strong></td>
<td>Dept. of Health &amp; Social Services</td>
<td>Upon request</td>
<td>8 weeks Community Medicine Resident Program</td>
<td>EH component based on student interest</td>
<td>Kami Kandola 867-920-3231 <a href="mailto:kami_kandola@gov.nt.ca">kami_kandola@gov.nt.ca</a></td>
<td>Training with Chief Medical Officer Note: No funding/placement available at this time.</td>
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<td><strong>NU</strong></td>
<td>Dept. of Health &amp; Services</td>
<td>Upon request</td>
<td>8 weeks</td>
<td>Community Medicine Resident Program</td>
<td>Peter Workman Nuuvut 867-975-5764 <a href="mailto:pworkman@gov.nu.ca">pworkman@gov.nu.ca</a></td>
<td>All practicum opportunities are based on student request.</td>
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<td><strong>QC</strong></td>
<td>Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ)</td>
<td>Medical students &amp; non-medical research students</td>
<td>Medical training in EH is available at the regional level and the provincial level, under the administrative responsibility of the Faculty of Medicine at Laval University</td>
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<td>Marc Rhains 418-650-5115 #5215 <a href="mailto:marc.rhains@inspq.qc.ca">marc.rhains@inspq.qc.ca</a></td>
<td>Training could be better facilitated if students have an understanding of the French language.</td>
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<td>4 per year</td>
<td>Medical students from Université de Montréal or from McGill University</td>
<td>All areas of EH</td>
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<td>Louis Jacques Montreal 514-528-2400-3305 <a href="mailto:jacques@santepub-mtl.qc.ca">jacques@santepub-mtl.qc.ca</a></td>
<td>Usually serves students of Montreal and McGill Universities</td>
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