

LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY
LOCK HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

SYLLABUS
PROFESSIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES
HLTH485

I. Introductory Information:

- A. Department Name: Health Science
- B. Departmental Catalogue Number: HLTH485
- C. Course Title: Professional Field Experience in Health Sciences
- D. Credit in Terms of Semester Hours: 6*
- E. Clock Hours Per Week: Students will generally keep the same hours as the full-time professional employees in the assigned agencies. A total of six weeks, forty hours per week is required although the hours may be distributed in a different manner with the approval of the supervisor.
- F. Restrictions Upon Student Registration: Students must have completed at least 90 credit hours with a minimum Q.P.A of 2.0. They must also have completed 36 credit hours in the core (major area courses) in the B.S. in Health Science program with a minimum Q.P.A. of 2.0, or have permission of the instructor/supervisor.

*Upon special approval the student may divide the experience into two, 3-credit segments. This course may be taken for up to 12 credits.

II. Description of the Course:

The Professional Field Experience is designed to provide the student with the opportunity for on-the-job experience in any of a variety of health services and health care areas. The student will work with professionals in the field and be exposed to a wide variety of programs, procedures and settings. Supervision is provided by both the instructional staff of the university and the cooperating agency. The Professional Field Experience is intended to offer a challenge to students and test their potential and interest in selected areas in the field of health sciences.

III. Exposition:

A. Objectives

The student will:

1. be able to demonstrate an understanding of all aspects of the operation and day-to-day workings of a professional in the area of the experience.

2. be able to demonstrate a familiarity with all instruments, equipment and procedures used in the area to which they are assigned.
3. be able to demonstrate an ability to communicate, understand and work with individuals, and groups as clients, supervisors, and support staff within a prescribed professional setting.

B. Activities and Requirements

1. Active participation for a total of 240 hours within the agency including duties, responsibilities and assignments which are outlined agreed to prior to the start of the experience.
2. A daily log of activities is to be maintained and is subject to periodic review by the university and agency supervisors.
3. A case study may be assigned in settings in which such an assignment is appropriate.

C. Major Units and Time Allotted

Emphasis will vary depending on the individual strengths and needs of the student and the particular agency involved. A written description of student experiences, assignments, responsibilities and expected outcomes will be prepared before placement in an agency is approved.

IV. Standards:

Student grades are assigned by the university supervisor and are based on the recommendation of the agency supervisor, observations by the university supervisor and the quality of student daily logs, case studies and other assignments and activities. Supervisors will determine that the objectives in III. A. have been met and will assign a grade accordingly.