

## Professional Practice Internship (10:775:499) Information Sheet

### **What is the Professional Practice Internship?**

The Professional Practice Internship (10:775:499) is a 6 credit course that includes completion of a 225-hour field experience and course work. Students complete a project over the course of the Internship and will present in a public forum at the end of the semester. All Internship sites must be approved by an Internship Coordinator. The internship can be paid.

### **What are the prerequisite courses?**

The prerequisite courses are Research Methods (10:775:395) or Data Management in Healthcare (10:501:395) and Leadership Seminar (10:775:450). Leadership Seminar is typically taken in students' second to last semester as a minimum of 85 credits are required to enroll in the course.

### **Who is eligible?**

Students are eligible to register for Internship once they have completed the prerequisite courses listed above. Students in the Public Health and Health Administration majors must have completed 100 or more credits as well. Public Policy majors do not have a credit restriction to enroll in Internship.

### **When should I look for an internship?**

Once students have completed 85 or more credits, they may register for Leadership Seminar (10:775:450). This course is designed to guide students through the process of securing an Internship, though students are responsible for acquiring a placement on their own. Students will be given the tools to locate and secure an internship, but students are not placed into specific internship sites. Students may be required to apply and/or interview in order to secure an internship. Students must have a signed internship contract by the end of the semester prior, which is a graded assignment for Leadership Seminar.

### **Can I do an Internship over the summer?**

Students may register for the Internship course in the summer if they meet the prerequisites. However, students not yet eligible for the 6 credit internship course are encouraged to pursue other additional experiential opportunities, but still must complete the requisite Internship course later in their academic career.

### **Can I use a current or prior Internship experience to meet this requirement?**

Students may not use prior experience to complete the Internship course requirement, but may discuss current placements with an Internship Coordinator. An Internship Coordinator can help students determine whether a current experience can be continued into the semester they plan to enroll in the Professional Practice Internship and if it has all the requisite components to be used as an Internship site.

### **How do I register?**

All eligible students need a special permission number in order to register for Professional Practice Internship (10:775:499). This special permission number can be granted through a request on this website: <http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/courses/special-permission-numbers/>.