

The career development sessions will be offered in-person throughout the semester in the MPH Classroom, Suite 1010, West End Ave. [Contact Brad Hawkins](#) for additional information.

- First year students are **required** to attend **three** sessions a year (with at least one in the Fall and one in the Spring)
- Second year students are **strongly encouraged** to attend at least **two** sessions a year (with at least one in the Fall and one in the Spring)

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| <p>Wednesday, Aug. 31 12:30 to 1:30 pm</p> | <p>Envisioning your Career: Developing your Elevator Pitch William O. Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '98), <i>Departments of Pediatrics, Health Policy</i> Start off the term by defining your public health interests; learn how to communicate your personal career vision in a polished and succinct way to potential employers and professionals.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Sept. 14 12:30 to 1:30 pm</p> | <p>Practicum Orientation: Tools to take the next steps Elizabeth Rose, Ed.D., M.Ed., M.P.H., (VU MPH '15), <i>Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health</i> Brad Hawkins, Ph.D., M.P.H., <i>Vanderbilt MPH Program</i> Learn about the practical training and the tools needed to effectively communicate with contacts to secure informational interviews for future practicums.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, Sept. 20 12:10 to 12:50 pm</p> | <p>Professional Writing Part 1: Abstracts Muktar Aliyu, M.B.B.S., Dr.P.H., M.P.H., <i>Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Dept. of Health Policy</i> In this first part of the writing series, learn the essential strategies to craft your abstract for varying audiences, conferences, and professional writing submissions. The session is specifically designed for 2nd year MPH students before they present their practicum and culminating experiences.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Oct. 12 12:30 to 1:30 pm</p> | <p>Exploring Public Health in Middle Tennessee An introduction to a selection of Middle Tennessee public health and community organizations. Expand your professional network and discover opportunities for practicums and employment.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Oct. 26 12:30 to 1:30 pm</p> | <p>Mentoring Part 1: An Introduction to Mentoring Marie Martin, Ph.D., M.Ed., <i>Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Dept. of Health Policy</i> Identify effective practices and maximize mentorship opportunities now and in the future.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Nov. 9 12:30 to 1:30 pm</p> | <p>Mentoring Part 2: Mentors vs. Coaches vs. Sponsors, Making the most of your Mentoring Committee Christianne L. Roumie, M.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '05), <i>Vanderbilt MPH Program</i> In preparation for upcoming Mentoring Committee meetings, this session is designed to help you get the most out your MPH mentorship team.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Dec. 7 11:30 am to 12:30 pm</p> | <p>The Do's and Don'ts of an Effective Poster Presentation Kim Lovell, M.P.H., MBA, <i>Dept. of Health Policy</i> Learn new design concepts for scientific posters. Receive individualized feedback on your own poster presentation for the MPH Practicum Colloquium in January 2023.</p> |

Dates to Remember:

- [Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Meeting](#), September 28-30th
- [Annual TN Emerging Infections Program Scientific Presentation Day](#), October 5th