

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 at least three sessions during the year; second-year students are **required** to attend at least two sessions during the year. Attendance at the Translational Research Forum and EIP Day is not included.

### Mentoring

In this series\* designed specifically for 1<sup>st</sup> year MPH students, you will define your public health interests; learn how to communicate your career vision in a polished and succinct way to potential employers and professionals; identify effective practices to maximize mentorship opportunities; and prepare for Mentoring Committee meetings.

**Aug. 31,**  
10:30 to 11:30 am

**Part 1: Developing your Elevator Pitch**

William O. Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '98), *Depts. of Pediatrics, Health Policy*

**Sept. 14**  
10:30 to 11:30 am

**Part 2: An Introduction to Mentoring**

Marie Martin, Ph.D., M.Ed., *Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Dept. of Health Policy*

**Sept. 21**  
10:30 to 11:30 am

**Part 3: Mentors vs. Coaches vs. Sponsors, Making the most of your Mentoring Committee**

Christianne L. Roumie, M.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '05), *Vanderbilt MPH Program*

### Practice of Public Health

In this series, you will explore the practice of public health; attend local public health conferences; learn about practical training and the tools needed to secure your practicums; hear about Middle Tennessee public health and community organizations; learn how to utilize practice in your Culminating Experience; and expand your professional network.

**October 12**  
10:30 to 11:30 am

**Practicum Orientation: Tools to take the next steps**

Brad Hawkins, M.S., Ph.D., M.P.H., *Vanderbilt MPH Program*  
Elizabeth Rose, Ed.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '15), *Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health*

**October 18**  
8:00 am to 3:30 pm

**Public Health Presentations: Annual TN Emerging Infections Program (EIP) Day**

EIP is a partnership of the TN Department of Health and Vanderbilt University Medical Center that study infectious diseases. (Location: [Loveless Barn](#))

**November 7**  
11:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Exploring Public Health in Middle Tennessee**

Vanderbilt MPH Students/alumni

**January 26**  
1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Public Health Presentations: [Public Health Practicum Colloquium](#)**

The colloquium provides students an opportunity to present their practicum experiences in a conference-like setting. (Location TBD)

**February 2**  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**[Annual Vanderbilt Translational Research Forum](#)**

Early career scientists share discoveries and advances, and a guest speaker will give a lunchtime plenary. (Location: Student Life Center)

**March 7**  
12:30 to 1:30 pm

**Capstone or Thesis? Student Perspectives**

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## Professional Communication Skills

In this series, you will learn essential skills to communicate public health; utilize strategies to craft abstracts for varying audiences, conferences, and professional writing submissions; apply presentation principles to present your public health work at the Practicum Colloquium, Culminating Experience presentations, and conferences; learn how to apply fundamental writing principles to your public health work; discover useful writing tips for class assignments, thesis, and article submissions; and tap into free VU writing resources to take your writing skills to the next level.

<p><b>September 8</b> 12:00 to 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Writing Part 1: Abstracts</b> Muktar Aliyu, M.B.B.S., Dr.P.H., M.P.H., <i>Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Dept. of Health Policy</i></p>
<p><b>Jan. 16</b> 12:05 to 12:50 pm</p>	<p><b>Public Health Presentations</b> Bill Heerman, M.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '14), <i>Vanderbilt MPH Program</i></p>
<p><b>January 18</b> 12:15 to 1:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Writing Part 2: Foundational structure</b> Elizabeth Rose, Ed.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '15), <i>Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health</i></p>
<p><b>January 25</b> 12:15 to 1:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Writing Part 3: Addressing criticism</b> Christianne L. Roumie, M.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '05), <i>Vanderbilt MPH Program</i></p>
<p><b>April 4</b> 12:15 to 1:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Public Health Communication 101</b> Colin Walsh, M.D., M.A., <i>Department of Biomedical Informatics</i></p>

## Life after MPH

In this series\* designed for 2<sup>nd</sup> year MPH students, you will focus is on your time after graduation. With the ever-changing landscape of interviews and networking opportunities, professionals must be able to adapt to convey their knowledge, skills, and abilities in new ways. Learn easy and innovative approaches to market yourself for the opportunities you want in the current environment; explore post-graduate training opportunities; and hear advice from recent alumni.

<p><b>December 1</b> 12:00 to 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>20 Weeks until Graduation!</b> Elizabeth Rose, Ed.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '15), <i>Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health</i> Brad Hawkins, M.S., Ph.D., M.P.H., <i>Vanderbilt MPH Program</i></p>
<p><b>February 8</b> 12:15 to 1:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Marketing Yourself as a Professional (workshop - bring your resume)</b> Elizabeth Rose, Ed.D., M.P.H., (VU MPH '15), <i>Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health</i> Kim Lovell, M.P.H., M.B.A., <i>Dept. of Health Policy</i></p>
<p><b>February 22</b> 12:15 to 1:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Securing my first position</b> Vanderbilt MPH Alumni</p>
<p><b>March - May</b></p>	<p><b>Office Hours with Elizabeth and Brad: Book a one-on-one session</b></p>

\*Sessions are open to all students, regardless of year or track.

### Dates to Remember:

- [Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Meeting](#), September 20-22, 2023
- [National Public Health Week](#), April 1-7, 2024