UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PUBLIC HEALTH GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Capstone Handbook



EPH 682 CAPSTONE PROJECT—PROPOSAL (Format)

*Section headings will vary depending on the project approach selected. Double-spaced, 2-3 pages. (not including Capstone Approval Form and references)

1. Working Title

2. Rationale and Literature Review

- a. A concise statement of the problem/health need/research question to be addressed
- b. How the problem/health need/research question will be addressed
- c. A brief statement on how this project relates to your Practicum goals/objectives
- d. List the MPH program competencies selected (minimum of 3, at least one concentration competency must be included)
- e. Include 2-3 Specific Aims and state hypotheses after each aim (if conducting human subjects research)

3. Project Design, Activities, Materials and Methods

- a. A narrative of the project procedures and the sequence in which the project segments will be performed
- b. A narrative of each method or approach to be utilized
- c. Description of the target population. Include inclusion and exclusion criteria if conducting human subject research
- d. Statement of the instruments and materials that will be utilized. If survey instruments will be used add it to the appendix.
- e. Brief list of activities
- f. For projects involving human subjects research the methods section should include the following headings: Project Overview. Questionnaires/Surveys, Description of Population including eligibility criteria and recruitment methods, Outcome variables, and Data Analysis including rational for sample size chosen.

4. Dissemination/Anticipated Outcomes

- a. The knowledge or product expected as a result of your project
- b. Potential significance of the outcomes, public health relevance
- c. What audience is most appropriate for dissemination of the project results

IMPORTANT: Determine with your Capstone Faculty Advisor if the University of Miami **IRB** submission and approval is necessary for this project. Approval must be obtained before project work begins.