



SOURCE

THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING CENTER
SERVING THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NURSING AND MEDICINE

Baltimore Public Health Practice Opportunities with SOURCE

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About SOURCE

SOURCE's mission is to engage the Johns Hopkins University health professional schools and Baltimore communities in mutually beneficial partnerships that promote health and social justice.

Our values include:

Reciprocity – To exchange with others for mutual benefit

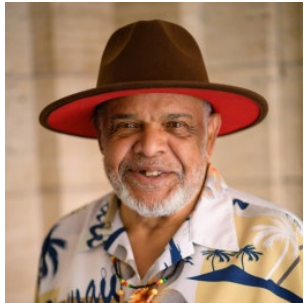
Justice – To promote fair and equitable treatment for all

Service – To be of service to others

Collaboration – To work with others intentionally

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SOURCE Team



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BSPH: Deans Vanya Jones, Josh Sharfstein and Mike Ward

+ *Faculty, Staff, and Student Representatives* + *SOURCE Community Council*



Join Our Team – Leadership Opportunities

Student Governing Board Representatives

Meetings and Events
Decision-Making
Communication
Connecting Students

*Apply online by **Sun, September 15**. <http://SOURCE.jhu.edu> (About, Student Governing Board)

FWS Program Assistants

Eligible for FWS? SOURCE hires several Federal Work-Study (FWS) Student Program Assistants each year.

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Partnering Community-Based Organizations



View Our Online Directory!
<http://SOURCE.jhu.edu>

- Advocacy Organizations
- Chronic/Infectious Diseases
- Community Clinics
- Community/Neighborhood Development
- Cultural and Ethnic Groups
- Environmental Organizations
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Mental Health Organizations
- Public Schools
- Social Issues
- Tutoring and Mentoring
- Youth Groups and Adolescents
- LGBTQ+, Women, Seniors, etc.

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What is the Baltimore Community Practicum (BCP)?

- **Credit-earning course** that offers real world public health practice opportunities
 - Open to all BSPH students registered throughout 2024-2025
 - Fully meets the MPH Practicum requirement
 - A core required course for the **Certificate in Community-Based Public Health**
- Includes an **internship** where students apply classroom knowledge to a community-based organization (CBO)'s public health issues
- A **partnership** between BSPH, SOURCE and CBOs in Baltimore City
- *In 2024-2025*, a mix of in-person and hybrid opportunities are available
 - Students must be available to collaborate with CBOs during Baltimore business hours

BCP Course Requirements

- A course-based, public health practice experience
 - Over 2nd **and** 3rd academic terms – must take *both terms*
- Attendance
 - Weekly seminars (mix of synchronous and asynchronous)
2nd term: Tuesdays, 3:30 pm – 4:20 pm ET
3rd term: Tuesdays, 12:15 pm – 1:05 pm ET
 - 4 or 8 hours per week working on community project
- Register for **550.864.01** or **550.864.41** *after accepted*
 - 2-3 credits per term, Pass/Fail
- Actively engage in a practice-based project
- Complete all course requirements, including assigned modules, readings, BCP educational plan, oral presentation & final paper



What is covered in the BCP Seminar?

- Basic concepts of **service-learning**, CBPR, and civic professionalism
- Practical methods for **promoting partnerships** between communities, public health agencies, academic institutions, and CBOs
- Effective **communication** skills
- Information about **Baltimore's** history, health issues, leadership, and more!



Sample BCP Opportunities 2024-2025

- Implementing an Evaluation Plan of Branches Internship (with Parks & People)
- Building Bridges to Stability for Foreign-Born Trafficking Survivors **requires Spanish*
- Data Mining and Validation for Enhancing LGBTQ+ Health Services
- Medical Outreach Project with Health Care for the Homeless
- Turning Career Assessments into Reality. What are the Pathways?
- Supporting Foster Youth Through Telling CASA's Story

BCP Application Process

- Projects posted on-line in BSPH's **Practicum Opportunity Site** for review Aug 26– Sept 17
- Prioritize projects by your interests. **You may apply to a maximum of 3 BCP projects**
- Submit online application, DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 17 by 11:59 pm ET
- Interviews Between September 25– October 9
- Notify Accept/Not Accept October 9
- Placement notification October 11
- Register for 2nd term when placed, and begin projects in 2nd term

Tips for Applying to BCP

- Don't limit yourself to one opportunity
- Carefully review the requirements and skills needed for each opportunity
- Craft personal statements specific to *each* opportunity
- Consider your interest in the project
- Plan ahead (think about other commitments and degree requirements)

Where To Find BCP Information

- <http://SOURCE.jhu.edu/BCP>
 - FAQs and comparisons
- **Practicum Opportunity Site** Listings:
<https://my.publichealth.jhu.edu/Resources/SearchTools/pos/Pages/home.aspx>
 - Under “Type of Opportunity,” select “Baltimore Community Practicum”
 - Review all available BCP projects
 - Application Procedure: Lists the url for the online application
- **Questions?** Contact SOURCE@jhu.edu

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Other Involvement Opportunities

- Practicum/Capstones/Field Placements
- Federal Work-Study Positions
- Connection Community Consultants
- Academic Service-Learning Courses
- Real World Public Health Practice
- Social Justice Programming
- Student Group Collaborations
- Certificate in Community-Based Public Health



Connection Community Consultants Program



A Practicum Requirement Option

- **Small Teams, Short-Term Projects**
- Strategic Consulting
- Fundraising Strategy and Grants
- Performance Measurement
- Communications Consulting



Connection Community Consultants Program

- <http://SOURCE.jhu.edu/Connection>
- Fill out a **Consultant Profile Form**, including resume or CV
- Projects will be announced during **first term**. 3 rounds per year.
- Select your projects of interest
- Diverse Connection teams are organized
- Student roles are assigned
- Connect with your CBO
- SOURCE support, Evaluations
- **OPTIONAL**: Register for academic credit **551.895**
- *[MPH] Earn 50 hours for practicum; must register for credit*



Service-Learning

Service-Learning “is a structured learning experience that **combines community service with preparation and reflection**. Students engaged in service-learning provide community service *in response* to **community-identified concerns** and **learn about the context** in which service is provided, the **connection between their service and their academic coursework**, and their **roles as citizens**.”

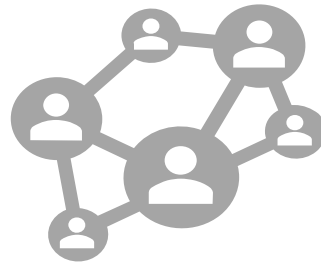
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Critical Service-Learning



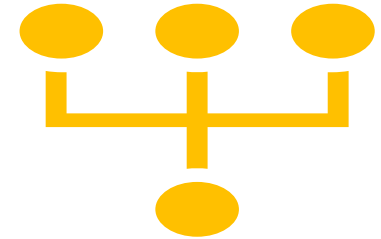
Social Change

Shared vision for project goal



Authentic Relationships

Rely on others and acknowledge their full humanity as central to the shared work



Redistribution of Power

Create 'flat spaces,' co-create structures that value multiple knowledges and experiences

Service-Learning Courses

<https://my.publichealth.jhu.edu/Academics/CoursesByTopic/Pages/default.aspx>

- Applied Environmental Health Practice (2nd term)
- Food Systems Practicum (2nd term)
- Qualitative Research course series (2nd, 3rd, and 4th terms)
- Stigma and Public Health: Issues and Interventions (3rd term)
- Social Context of Adolescent Health and Development (4th term)
- Applications in Program Monitoring and Evaluation (4th term)
- Community-Based Practice through Civic Engagement (4th term)

SOURCE Approach to Community Engagement

- Partner with over 100 CBOs in Baltimore City
- SOURCE liaisons for each community partner
- Respond to *community-identified* opportunities
- Center community voices

SOURCE Events and Programs

- **SOURCE Community Involvement Fair**
Wed, September 25 from 12 pm – 2:30 pm, Feinstone Hall
- **Baltimore Week**
Sat, Oct 5 – Fri, Oct 11
- **Quarterly Donation Drives**
- **National Volunteer Week**
featuring annual SOURCE Awards; April 2025
- **Student Group Collaborations**
events, service, reporting, and more
- **Critical Reflection and Social Justice Programming**

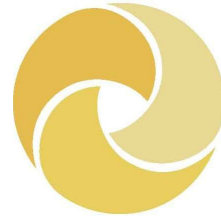




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