

### **Community Health Clerkship – Obtaining Credit for Volunteer Activities.**

This clerkship is required only for NON-MD/MPH student, and only they can apply for credit.

The Community Health Clerkship is a multilayered experience that focuses on the social determinants of health, structural violence, racism in its various forms, high rates of incarceration and other topics. These are the non-medical aspects of patients' lives such as education, housing, employment, language, environment, nutrition, and safety that affect their health. The skills students gain in this course are vital to contextualizing care to individual patient needs and addressing broader population health issues.

The clerkship consists of a community based assignment focused entirely on indirect, non-patient care, typically 20 hours weekly for 4 weeks and seminars focusing on the above topics. Given the unprecedented situation that now exists, your community-based experience may be meeting the clerkship objectives and may now be fulfilled through your community volunteering, leadership and patient advocacy, even before your assigned clerkship time (typically Year 4) if you document attainment of these objectives.

The objectives are incorporated in the table provided below. Below are the criteria for students who feel they are participating in an activity that should qualify for credit for the total of 80 hours of community work:

1. You must keep a log of your activity, location, time spent/day.
2. Fill out the table below and when completed, submit to the Clerkship Director, Isis Smith MD, [ismith3@tulane.edu](mailto:ismith3@tulane.edu) and they will be reviewed individually. This must be done at least 2 weeks before your assigned clerkship time to allow the redistribution of your colleagues to community sites that need their attention.

You do not have to fulfill every category listed, but this is a way to encourage you to think of the meaningful ways you are impacting your community while we are in this crisis. If there are any questions please feel free to reach out to us and your student leaders.

I hope you all stay safe, stay at home and practice social distancing and continue to do the wonderful work you're all doing to support New Orleans!

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Students Name:	Submit to Dr. Isis Smith: <a href="mailto:ismith3@tulane.edu">ismith3@tulane.edu</a>
Question	Student's Response
Tell us about your project in less than 500 words	
How many hours have you worked on your project in total? Do you have a log that documents your participation (required)?	
Who have you worked with/supervised you? Please include email/phone number	
What social determinants of health are you addressing?	
What local/state/national policies will you attempt to address?	
How is your work geared towards reducing racism?	
How is your work geared towards reducing structural violence?	
How will your work benefit the New Orleans community at large?	
Describe how your work has allowed you to know your community better.	