

Information for Second-Year Public Health Supervisor Students

2026/2027 Academic Year

Dear Students,

Welcome to your second year at the Faculty of Health sciences!

The second year is an important stage in your university studies. By now, you are already familiar with the basic routines of university life, the Neptun system, course registration and examination periods. At the same time, your studies are becoming increasingly connected to your future profession. You will encounter more specialised subjects, and the knowledge and skills you acquire this year will provide an important foundation for your further studies.

What to expect during your second year

At the beginning of the academic year, one of your first tasks will be **course registration in Neptun**. Please check the courses included in your curriculum carefully and make sure that you meet any prerequisites before registering. As you progress through the programme, it becomes increasingly important to keep track of your credits, course requirements and other academic obligations independently.

The **academic calendar** is available on the Faculty's website, where you can find all important dates and deadlines:

<https://semmelweis.hu/etk/en/students/academic-calendar-2/>

The second year also brings a stronger focus on **professional knowledge and skills**. You will begin to see more clearly how the subjects you study relate to the work of a public health inspector. Try to look beyond individual courses and recognise the connections between different areas of public health. The knowledge gained in different subjects will gradually come together and form the professional foundation you will build on in the following years.

Professional Field Practice

One of the new elements of your **spring semester** will be the course **Professional Field Practice**. This is an important opportunity to gain first-hand experience of professional work and to see how the knowledge acquired at the Faculty is applied in practice.

The practice is **organised and supervised by the Department and takes place under an official agreement with the practice site**. It cannot be arranged independently by students.

The Professional Field Practice lasts for **two weeks**.

Please note, however, that although the practice itself takes place at the end of the spring semester, **its organisation will begin as early as the middle of the fall semester**. You will receive information and requests related to the organisation of the practice partly from me and partly from **Éva Hómann, Education Coordinator**.

It is therefore particularly important that you **pay attention to all communications and observe the relevant deadlines**. Please respond to requests concerning the practice within the specified time limits, as late responses may make the organisation of your placement more difficult.

Practice diary and certification

During the Professional Field Practice, you are required to keep a **practice diary**. In the diary, you will document the activities you carried out during the practice, the tasks you were involved in, and any additional professional information or guidance provided to you at the practice site.

The practice diary must be **submitted digitally**. Information about the submission deadline and procedure will be available during the spring semester on the **Moodle (e-learning) platform** associated with the course. The same information will also be communicated at the appropriate time during tutor consultations.

You are required to provide the Department with official confirmation that you have completed the Professional Field Practice.

On the **last day of your practice**, you must request the **certificate of completion** sent by the Department to the practice site and completed by the practice site. This document must be submitted to your year coordinator/tutor by the specified deadline.

Please pay particular attention to the format of this document: **only the original, officially completed and stamped document will be accepted**. Photocopies, scanned copies or photographs of the certificate cannot be accepted.

What should you pay particular attention to?

- Regularly check **Neptun, your university e-mail account, Moodle, and the Faculty's information channels**.
- Make sure that you **register** for the appropriate courses and check all **prerequisites**.
- Keep track of your **credits, course requirements, attendance and practical obligations**.
- Start paying attention to information concerning the **Professional Field Practice already during the fall semester**.
- Observe all **deadlines** related to the organisation and application for the practice.
- During the practice, keep your **practice diary** up to date and follow the submission requirements carefully.

- On the final day of your practice, make sure that you obtain the **original, completed and stamped certificate of completion** from the practice site.
- Ask **questions** whenever something is unclear. If you have concerns regarding the organisation of your practice, please contact your **tutor**.

Developing as a future professional

The Professional Field Practice will give you an opportunity to experience the professional environment outside the university and to gain a better understanding of the everyday work of public health professionals. Try to approach the practice with an open and curious attitude. Observe how professionals work, ask questions, and pay attention to how theoretical knowledge is applied in real-life situations.

Your second year is also a good time to start thinking more consciously about your future profession. You do not need to know yet exactly which area of public health you would like to work in. However, the experiences you gain during your studies and especially during your practical training may help you discover which areas interest you most.

As an English-language student, it is also useful to develop your **professional English vocabulary** alongside your subject knowledge. Becoming familiar with professional terminology and learning to communicate confidently in professional situations will be valuable throughout your studies and later in your career.

A few words about the years ahead

The second year may still seem quite far from the end of your university studies, but the knowledge, skills and professional habits you develop now will form the basis for the more advanced subjects and practical experiences ahead.

You are not expected to know everything yet. What is important at this stage is to **build strong foundations, remain curious and gradually become more independent in your studies**. University is not only about completing courses and obtaining credits. It is also about discovering what kind of professional you would like to become.

I wish you a successful, productive and enjoyable second year!

Kind regards,

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