

MPH Group Culminating Project Guidelines

- A faculty advisor must give students permission to complete a group project for their MPH culminating experience. No group project should have more than three students.
- Although the students will be working on a common topic, the faculty advisor must agree to how the group project is divided among students so that each student is responsible for a specific component of the group project. It is important that group members share an integrated view of the project and that there is a clear understanding among the students which person is responsible for specific contributions to the group project.
- It is equally important that each student understands their shared responsibilities or what tasks may have some degree of collaboration for the group project. Permission for shared tasks must have permission of the faculty advisor. Effective communication among group members is critical for a successful project.
- Each student must independently complete a specific section of the group project and write up their section for their culminating project paper per Division/Program guidelines. Each student's paper must be capable of standing independently from the group project. Please remember that copying and sharing among group members constitutes plagiarism. Please consult your faculty advisor.
- Each student must independently defend their culminating paper per Division/Program guidelines (i.e. oral/poster presentations) and each student will be evaluated individually.
- If multiple faculty advisors are involved with the students then a group meeting must be conducted with all students and faculty involved in the group project to coordinate the process.