

SUPERVISED PRACTICE

Description:

- Information regarding the current interinstitutional Agreement MSP-CES-2024-001, *Regulation for teaching, research, and Editorial Units of the National Health System*, concerning the mandatory Supervised Practices.
- According to the current Academic Regulation (RPC-SO-08-No. 111-2019), Articles 53 and 54 establish that:

“Pre-professional practices and supervised practices in third-level degree programs are learning activities aimed at applying knowledge and/or developing professional competencies. These practices will be carried out in organizational, institutional, business, community, or other settings related to the professional field of the degree, whether public or private, national or international”; “(...) In degree programs that include Supervised Practice, these will be considered pre-professional practices.”

Objectives:

- Strengthen students' disciplinary competencies in hospital and community settings.
- To contribute to the comprehensive promotion of health among the population.

Autorities:

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Requirements:

Ministry of Public Health

- Bank account certificate
- Identity document (ID) or passport
- Certificate of suitability for participation in the Supervised Practice
- Curriculum Vitae
- Ministry of Public Health Vaccination Certificate (required vaccines depend on each health institution)
- ESPOL student ID
- Medical and psychological evaluation certificate issued by GBP (appointments are scheduled through the Supervised Practice coordination)
- Student accident insurance certificate (issued by GBP, managed by the Supervised Practice coordination)

Note: Requirements may vary depending on the assigned health institution.

- Activities are supervised by a university preceptor.

ESPOL:

- Complete academic curriculum (approved)
- No financial or non-financial debts.
- Registration for Supervised Practice is conducted during the extraordinary academic period of the year in which the practice is taken, through ESPOL's academic system.
- Personal documents:
 - Identity document (ID)
 - Voter certificate
 - Bank account certificate (account must be under student's name)
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Personal information form
- Undergraduate program completion certificate
- Supervised Practice enrollment certificate issued by STA

Note: Undergraduate program completion and enrollment certificates must be issued by ESPOL's Academic Secretariat.

Modality

- On-site
- 12 months

Settings

- Hospitals and primary, secondary, and tertiary health centers that belong to the Ministry of Public Health.

Approval

- Approval of hours is managed through ESPOL's pre-professional practice system, where the preceptor accredits hours based on the completion of practical and academic activities in each rotation.
- Successful completion of both the practical and academic components of each rotation is required to advance to the next rotation; therefore, attendance and completion of activities for both components are essential.

Calendar and Rotations (Annual)

- Supervised Practice begins on May 1st each year and ends on the last day of April the following year, equivalent to 52 weeks, culminating in 2,080 accredited hours (which may vary slightly from the hours completed).
- Each rotation lasts 13 weeks, with 40 hours per week divided into: 20% academic activities and 80% practical activities.
- Supervised Practice contains four rotations:
 1. Hospital Nutrition
 2. Hospital Food Services Management
 3. Food and Nutrition Promotion
 4. Community Nutrition

Dress code

- Short-sleeve medical uniform with straight-leg or wide-leg pants. The uniform color may change according to the healthcare institution. The cost of the uniform is covered by the student (approximately \$30).
- Small earrings only (long earrings or hoops are not allowed).
- Other accessories such as necklaces, watches, bracelets, etc., are not allowed.
- Short, unpainted, clean nails.
- Hair must be groomed and tied up.
- Lab coat with the institution's logo and the intern's name.
- Student ID card.



Photos and examples of sites where the Supervised Practice takes place

Cohort 1

- Abel Gilbert Pontón Hospital
- Health Center

Cohort 2

- Monte Sinaí General Hospital
- Abel Gilbert Pontón Hospital
- 2 Health Centers

Cohort 3

- Monte Sinaí General Hospital
- Abel Gilbert Pontón Hospital
- Guasmo Sur General Hospital
- Health Centers
- Dr. Enrique Ortega Moreira Hospital
- Dr. José Daniel Rodríguez Maridueña Hospital

Cohort 4

- Monte Sinaí General Hospital
- Abel Gilbert Pontón Hospital
- Guasmo Sur General Hospital
- Health Centers
- Dr. Enrique Ortega Moreira Hospital
- Dr. José Daniel Rodríguez Maridueña Hospital

Cohort 5

- Monte Sinaí General Hospital
- Abel Gilbert Pontón Hospital
- Guasmo Sur General Hospital
- Dr. Fco. Icaza Bustamante Children's Hospital
- Health Centers
- Dr. Enrique Ortega Moreira Hospital
- Dr. José Daniel Rodríguez Maridueña Hospital