

# 2020-2021 Master of Public Health Guide to Success

A Quick Roadmap to Resources

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#### I. Introduction

Dear ECU MPH Students,

Congratulations on your decision to pursue a degree in Public Health at East Carolina University! Our program provides educational, research, and outreach programs designed to address the public health challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Guided by highly qualified and accomplished faculty members, you will take part in stimulating and rigorous courses, research, and service projects. These will not only give you the relevant real-world experience, but it will also ensure that you are able to adequately prepare for the next stage of your professional career.

This manual was created to serve as a guide to the important things you will need to know during your time here at ECU and in the Greenville community. There are resources available to assist you with advising, succeeding academically, getting involved in campus life, staying healthy, seeking a job, and finding resources to enrich your life. We also encourage you to visit our website <a href="http://public-health.ecu.edu">http://public-health.ecu.edu</a> and "like" our departmental and student Facebook pages "ECU Department of Public Health" and "ECU Master of Public Health Program" (PHO) for more information.

As you begin your journey, always remember, "Capture your horizon."

Go Pirates<sup>TM</sup>! Arrrgh<sup>TM</sup>!



Ronny A. Bell, PhD, MS Professor and Chair

# **Tips for Success**

"Success occurs where opportunity meets preparation."

~ Zig Ziglar

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

~ Maya Angelou

- 1. **Get to know your professors.** Your professors are here to guide you and help you learn. Professors are also very well connected and can assist you with building your network and pursuing the right opportunities.
- 2. **Join PHO.** PHO is a great opportunity to bond with your fellow students and collaborate on service projects that impact our communities, as well as have fun with others.
- 3. Attend Conferences. Conferences are a great opportunity to see the work that other people have done in Public Health, connect with colleagues, and gain professional skill sets. Presenting your own work at a conference is an incredible opportunity to share with others what you have learned and how your work has influenced public health.
- 4. **Respect all dimensions of life.** Try to manage your time so that all aspects of your life get attention from school, to work, to family, it all needs care and attention in order to keep you healthy and well.
- 5. **Exercise.** Exercise is therapy for the mind and body. Exercise will help you to rejuvenate and relax and it is a great stress reliever.

#### II. Welcome to Greenville

#### Housing

There are many places in the Greenville area to call home! Use any of the websites below to help in your search.

- ECU Off-campus Housing: <a href="https://offcampushousing.ecu.edu/">https://offcampushousing.ecu.edu/</a>
- Abodo: <a href="http://www.abodo.com">http://www.abodo.com</a>
- Apartments.com: <a href="http://www.apartments.com/">http://www.apartments.com/</a>
- East Carolina Property Management: <u>www.eastcarolinaprop.com</u>
- Keystone Property Management: <u>www.kpm1.com</u>
- Pinnacle Property Management: <u>www.pinnaclepropertymanagement.com</u>
- Russell Property Management: www.russellpm.com
- Wainright Property Management: <u>www.wainrightproperties.com</u>
- Young Management Inc.: <u>www.youngmgmt.com</u>
- EC Leases: <u>www.ecleases.com</u>

## Cable TV, Telephone, and Internet Services

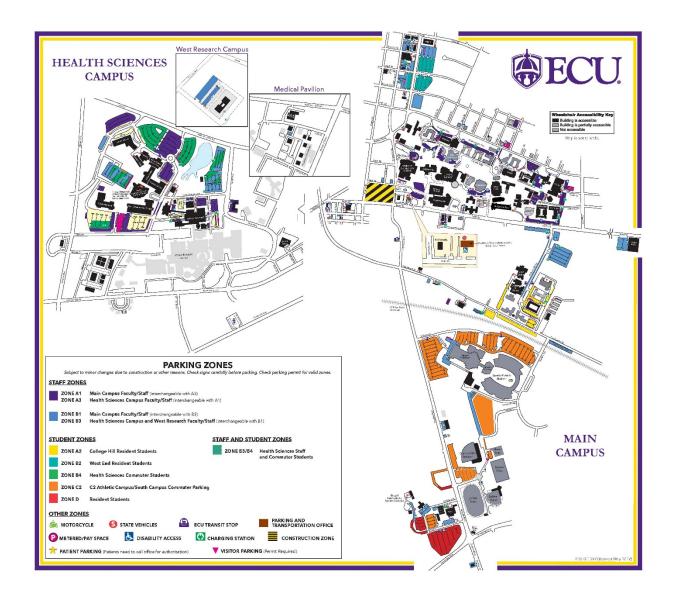
- Suddenlink Communications <a href="http://www.suddenlink.com/">http://www.suddenlink.com/</a>
- Century Link <a href="http://www.centurylink.com/">http://www.centurylink.com/</a>

#### **Utilities**

• Greenville Utilities Commission <a href="http://www.guc.com">http://www.guc.com</a>

## Parking and Transportation

All of your classes will be on the Health Sciences campus. Register and get your bike and car permits with ECU by using your Pirate Port account and clicking on Parking and Transportation. Here is a map to help you discern which permit will best fit your needs:



# Parking on Allied Health Sciences Campus

Parking on the Allied Health Sciences Campus will require a permit unless you use one of the self-pay metered parking spots.

# **ECU Campus Bus Routes**

ECU Transit offers a wide variety of travel options on a comprehensive bus system which provides more than 2.5 million rides each year with service both on and off campus. All you need is your 1 Card to ride. There are several bus routes around main campus and one bus route (route 302) that directly travels between the Health Sciences campus and main campus. Please use the ECU Transit website to help find a route near you: <a href="http://transit.ecu.edu">http://transit.ecu.edu</a>

Also, keep in mind there is a City of Greenville transit system. The Greenville Area Transit (GREAT) bus travels to numerous locations in Greenville, including the mall and the medical district: <a href="https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/public-works/great-bus-system">https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/public-works/great-bus-system</a>

#### III. Good Eats

Greenville has a lot of places to eat in addition to the traditional chain favorites. Some of the local favorites are listed below. Most have daily budget-friendly specials!

aTavola! Lunch, dinner Basil's Lunch, dinner

China 10 Lunch, dinner \*Half price lunch specials Christy's Euro Pub Lunch, dinner, Saturday and Sunday brunch

Dickinson Avenue Public (DAP) House Dinner, drinks

East 23 Café Breakfast, lunch, dinner \*closed Monday

First Watch
Jack Browns Beer and Burger Joint
Breakfast, lunch
Lunch, dinner, drinks

La Ribera Lunch, dinner \*No alcohol served

Luna's Pizza Cafe Lunch, dinner, drinks

Mike's Deli Lunch

Moore's BBQ Lunch, dinner

Plaza Azteca Lunch, dinner \*Guacamole made tableside

Shogun Japanese Restaurant Lunch, dinner

Smashed Waffles Breakfast, lunch, coffee

Starlight Café Dinner, \*closed Sunday-Monday

Sup Dogs Lunch, dinner, drinks

Villa Verde/Villa Verde Dos Lunch, dinner

Wasabi 88 Dinner \*BOGO sushi Sunday-Thursday

Winslow's Lunch, dinner, drinks

YABA Mediterranean Grill

Yoder's Dutch Pantry

Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast, lunch \*30 minutes away, closed Sunday

When you're on campus and need a quick bite, some places close to the medical campus are:

- Jimmy John's
  - o 10:30am-9pm | 460 Moye Blvd, Greenville, NC
- Which Wich
  - o 10am-9pm | 2251 W Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC
- Starbucks
  - o 5am-10pm | 2205 W Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC
- Kasturi
  - o 11am-2:30pm (lunch) 5pm-10pm (dinner) | 2205 W Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC
- Tropical Smoothie Café
  - o 7:30am-9pm (weekdays) | 1856 W Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC
- Bateeni
  - o 11am-9pm \*Lunch special Monday-Thursday | 1868 W Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC
- Hibachi Xpress
  - o 11am 9pm | 2414 Stantonsburg Rd, Greenville, NC
- Han Korean Cuisine
  - O 11am 3pm (lunch) 4:30pm-9pm (dinner) \*Closed Monday, Lunch Special Tuesday-Friday | 1904 W Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC

# IV. Stay Active

**Health Sciences Campus Student Center -** The brand-new Health Sciences Campus Student Center opened in the spring of 2017 and is a 75,000-square foot facility, and the first student center on a medical campus in North Carolina and one of a few in the nation.

Campus Recreation & Wellness at Health Sciences Student Center offers 25,000 square footage of recreation and fitness space. The two-story open concept facility that can accommodate a variety of athletic activities, lectures, banquets, and other events. We will be offering small group training, group fitness classes, functional cross training, intramural sports, and special event reservations.

**First Floor** - The multipurpose gym space has two smaller basketball court, one full-size basketball court, two volleyball courts, and two badminton courts. There is also a 6,200-square foot area of gym equipment, roughly 16 pieces from Life Fitness Insignia Series. There is a free weight area with Life Fitness equipment where all weights are customized with the ECU Pirate Head Logo. Locker rooms offer restrooms, showers, and lockers that are available for rent. There is also an ADA accessible family changing room.

**Second Floor** - On the second floor, we have a 4,000-square foot cardio deck with roughly 24 pieces of state-of-the art equipment from Precor. All equipment has personal TV screens with a variety of cable TV offerings for participants including Netflix and YouTube. Equipment includes exercise bikes, treadmills, elliptical machines, adaptive motion trainers (AMT), and Sci-fit Ergometers (hand bikes).

Wellness Center - The Wellness Center will offer 2 massage chairs, a meditation space where students can find a relaxing space to mediate and perform yoga.

Health Sciences Campus Student Center East Carolina University Campus Recreation & Wellness 1868 Health Science Drive Greenville, NC 27834 252-744-1053

Hours: Mon-Fri: 5:30 am-midnight; Sat & Sun: 8am-midnight

# The East Carolina University Student Recreation Center & Campus Recreation and Wellness

Campus Recreation and Wellness supports and encourages a balanced, healthy lifestyle for the diverse ECU community. Here, there are a number of activities that you can engage in to keep your mind, body and spirit "in-shape"! Take advantage of the aquatics center, the rock climbing wall, join a club or intramural team, gain strength, stability and power in the state-of-the-art exercise and recreation center or take a cycling or Zumba class! All these activities and all the equipment are *free* for students who bring their OneCard!

- Address: 128 Student Recreation Center, Greenville, NC 27858
- Phone: (252) 328-6387

#### The North Recreation Complex

This complex features, eight multipurpose activity fields, which can accommodate a game of soccer, flag football, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, and rugby. The land also includes 6 acres of water for fishing and boating, a sunbathing sand beach, fitness equipment, a 0.5 mile trail around the lake, sand volleyball, corn hole and an 18-hole disc golf course. In addition, there is an Odyssey High Challenge Course that is about 40 feet tall, with the use of zip lines as an option. There are also six walking/jogging trails and one 5k running trail. Kayaks, disc golf discs, sand volleyballs are provided. All the activities are *free* to ECU students and CRW members, and ECU Transit provides bus service to this complex!

- Address: 3764 US-264, Greenville, NC 27834
- Phone: (252) 328-6387
- Hours: Monday Friday 5:30 am to 10:30 pm; Saturday Sunday 12:00 pm 8:30 pm (times are subject to change)

#### The Campus Recreation and Wellness Blount Sports Complex

Home to intramural and club sports, and challenge course groups, the Blount Sports Complex is located off Charles Boulevard behind the Carol G. Belk Building. Opportunities include flag football, soccer, softball, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, rugby, lacrosse and field hockey. Fields can be reserved if desired! Parking is available in the lot next to the fields off Charles Boulevard.

#### Hematoma Paintball Field

Go see why Hematoma Paintball is Eastern North Carolina's premiere paintball field and pro-shop. The location is stocked with dependable brands like: Empire, RP Scherer, Tippmann, Kingman, Evil, J&J Performance and much more.

- Address: 607 Haw Branch Road, Chocowinity, NC 27817
- Phone: (252) 946-9656
- Hours: Saturday 9:00am 4:00pm and Sundays 12:00pm 4:00pm (times are subject to change)
- Website: <a href="http://www.hematomaspaintball.net/index.php?option=com\_content&view=frontpage&It">http://www.hematomaspaintball.net/index.php?option=com\_content&view=frontpage&It</a> emid=1

#### Purple Blossom Yoga Studio

Take a moment to reconnect with your spirituality, improve your strength, correct your posture, and really tune-in with your body. Purple Blossom Yoga Studio offers beginners classes, Power Flow Vinyasa, Morning Hatha Yoga, Open Aerial Yoga, Hot Yoga, and much more for your needs.

- Address: 302 Evans St, Greenville, NC 27858
- Phone: (252) 364-2917
- Hours: Check website to see what classes are offered for your needs
- Website: www.purpleblossomyogastudio.com/

#### Local Parks and Greenways

River Park North

- Address: 1000 Mumford Rd, Greenville, NC
- Hours: Tues.-Sat.: 9am-5pm; Sun.:1pm-5pm; Closed Mondays

#### Greenway

• Address: 105 E 1st St, Greenville, NC

#### Additional Gyms in Surrounding Area

#### Pure Barre

- Address: 852, 420 E Arlington Blvd. Suite J, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 689-6103

#### Fit for Life 24

- Address: 3851 Dunhagan Road, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 321-2222

#### Snap Fitness Greenville

- Address: 2120 E. Fire Tower Road, Suite 111, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 758-7627

#### Fitness Connection Greenville \*Temporarily Closed (Covid-19)

- Address: 140 Oakmont Drive, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 756-9175

#### Title Boxing Club of Greenville

- Address: 3700-B Charles Boulevard, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 565-0525

#### CrossFit Greenville

- Address: 818 Clark St, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 756-4790

#### CrossFit Tier 1

- Address: 1820 Old Firetower Rd, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 202-3977

#### Punchfit Boxing Bootcamp

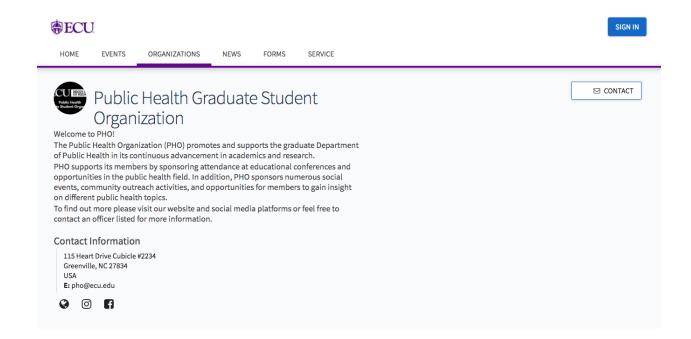
- Address: 623 Red Banks Rd, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 341-9828

#### OrangeTheory Fitness

- Address: 518 Greenville Blvd Suite D, Greenville, NC
- Phone: (252) 689-8428

# V. Stay Connected with the Community

Engage - https://engage.ecu.edu/organization/public-health-graduate-student-organization

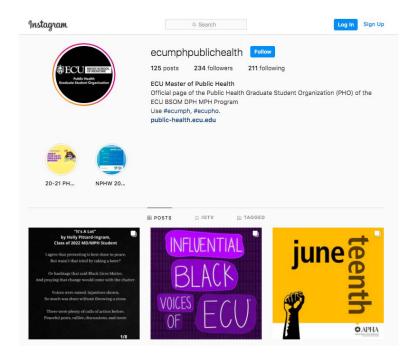


#### Social Media

Facebook - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/272849036063373/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/272849036063373/</a>



#### Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/ecumphpublichealth/?hl=en



## VI. MPH Resources

This section provides information on the programs and services our students use to reach their full potential during their time in the MPH program.

# Public Health Graduate Student Organization (PHO)

PHO promotes and supports the Department of Public Health in its continuous advancement in academics and research. The organization sponsors attendance to educational conferences and promotes opportunities in the public health field. In addition, PHO hosts numerous social events and community service activities.

#### 2020-2021 PHO Executive Board



Natalie Broder - President



Rajit Prasad – Vice President



Corshonda Johnson – Treasurer



Caroline Mumford – Secretary



Briana Hudson - Student Liaison



Cameron Dove - Historian

#### **Student Resources**

New student resources for employment, health & wellness, campus life, transportation, orientation, academic support, and financial support can be found at <a href="https://gradschool.ecu.edu">https://gradschool.ecu.edu</a>

# Help With Classes

**Laupus Library -** provides leadership in access to information essential to quality health care delivery, education, and research at East Carolina University and across eastern North Carolina.

- Location: 600 Moye Blvd. Greenville, NC 27834
- Contact: 252-744-2219
- Services offered:
  - o Equipment Loan Program
    - Students may check out computers, tablets, e-Book readers, cameras, video cameras, voice recorders, clickers, projectors, and calculators
    - https://library.ecu.edu/services/borrow-equipment/

- o Poster Printing
  - https://lib.ecu.edu/laupus/posterprinting/
- o Room Reservation
  - https://rooms.lib.ecu.edu/laupus/
- o Personalized Librarian Help
  - https://hsl.ecu.edu/research/ask-a-librarian/

**Health Sciences Student Center -** is where a graduate student can workout, eat, get a Starbucks and study all in one place. Study room reservations are made in person and all come with dry erase boards and markers. If you need a study break, the center also hosts a one story slide on the second floor.

- Location: 600 Moye Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834
- Services Offered:
  - Student Health
  - o 1 Card office
  - Central Ticket Office
  - Pirate Tech Computer Support
  - Career Services
- https://studentcenters.ecu.edu/health-sciences-campus-student-center/

University Writing Center - provides writing resources for conquering your writing assignments or research papers from

beginning to end. You can meet in-person or online for another person to proofread a paper.

- Website: <a href="https://writing.ecu.edu/uwc/">https://writing.ecu.edu/uwc/</a>
- Location Laupus Library, Room 2514
- Contact 252-328-2820

The Speech Communication Center - provides assistance with researching, writing, organizing, and delivering an effective speech or presentation, working effectively in a group, nailing your job interview, or simply learning to speak in a more professional manner.

- Website: <a href="https://communication.ecu.edu/">https://communication.ecu.edu/</a>
- Location Joyner East Building Room 205
- Contact Dr. Pamela Hopkins, 252-328-2790

**Pirate Tutoring Center -** mission is to help ECU students through peer academic tutoring, academic success strategies, individual assessment and consultations and outreach initiatives in order to enhance academic performance and success. You can attend the nightly session or call the center to set-up a day appointment.

- Website: <a href="https://pasc.ecu.edu/">https://pasc.ecu.edu/</a>
- Study skills assistance
  - O Individual assistance with: obtaining college success, enhancing test taking skills, improving study habits, learning textbook reading tips, effective note taking in lectures, improving academic time management and motivation, developing course success strategies and referrals to other campus resources
- Specialized workshops

- o Test preparation, course specific success, effective study skills, preparing for finals
- Location 2300 Old Cafeteria Building
- Contact 252-737-3009
- Email <u>tutoring@ecu.edu</u>

#### The Department for Disability Support Services (American Disabilities Association

**Services)** - mission is to provide individuals with disabilities support services that will enable them to access program, services, facilities, and activities of the university and to enhance disability awareness among all constituents of the university. You could request for accommodations, find information about temporary disability, find local, state and national disability resources, and find accessible parking on campus.

• Website: <a href="https://accessibility.ecu.edu/">https://accessibility.ecu.edu/</a>

• Address: 138 Slay Building, Greenville, NC 27858

o Voice/TTY: (252) 737 – 1016

## **Professional Development**

#### The ECU Career Center

- Supports and empowers students in their career development to succeed as professionals in a global community
- Website: <a href="https://career.ecu.edu/">https://career.ecu.edu/</a>
- Location 701 E. 5th Street Greenville, NC 27858, satellite office in Laupus Library
- Contact 252-328-6050
- Specific Services: Job search process, resume and cover letter help, interview preparation, salary and job offer negotiation, career fairs

#### Center for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement

- Provides opportunities, support and experiences for students to engage in the leadership process by developing competencies, building meaningful relationships and enhancing personal growth
- Website: https://clce.ecu.edu/
- Location: Mendenhall Student Center 109
- Contact: 252-737-2091
- L.E.A.P. Workshops
  - O Interactive presentations aimed to allow students to learn more about their leadership skills and abilities

#### Office for Faculty Excellence

Provides graduate students with resources and services that foster and support their success at the university in teaching, research, and service and to work with other units and offices to accomplish that mission. Offers workshops in grant writing, navigating statistical packages (NViVo, SAS, SPSS, JMP), using Excel in research, qualitative research paper sharing, and much more for your research needs.

- Website: <a href="https://ofe.ecu.edu/">https://ofe.ecu.edu/</a>
- Location: 1001-1008 Joyner Library

#### Other Campus Resources

#### **Student Health Services**

- Provides an accessible quality program of primary health care services relevant to the needs
  of eligible members of the University Community
- Location 1000 East 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27858
- Contact 252-328-6841
- Specific Services of Student Health Services:
  - o Medical Clinic Annual exams, screenings, counseling
  - o Pharmacy Medications and immunizations
  - o Lab
  - o X-rays
  - Health Education (located in Student Recreation Center) Full range of health educational materials, smoking cessation counseling, healthy lifestyle coaching, free BMI assessment, body fat assessment
  - o Nutrition Individual nutrition services are offered for free to all students by a registered, licensed dietitian
  - o Rapid Care/Allergy Clinic

#### **Book Stores**

- Dowdy Student Store Main Campus, Wright Building
  - o Phone: 252-328-6731
  - o Hours: M-F 7:30-5
- University Book Exchange (UBE)
  - o Address: 516 Cotanche Street, Greenville, NC 27858
  - o Phone: 252-758-2616
  - o Hours: M-F 9 to 6, Sat 10 to 5
- Brody Bookstore
  - o Address: Brody Medical Sciences Bldg. 600 Moye Blvd., 1S-04
  - o Phone: 252-744-3450
  - o Hours: 7:30 am 4:30 pm

# East Carolina University Campus Map (Main Campus and Health Sciences Campus):

- Interactive Map
  - o <a href="https://www.ecu.edu/maps/">https://www.ecu.edu/maps/</a>
- Main Campus PDF Version
- Health Sciences Campus PDF Version

#### East Carolina University Academic Calendars

https://facultysenate.ecu.edu/academic-calendars/?RenderForPrint=1%27A=0

#### Fall Semester 2020

August 7, Friday Faculty Convocation; Faculty Meetings

August 7, Friday Advising, registration & schedule adjustments

August 10, Monday Classes begin; schedule adjustments

August 14, Friday Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop/add), by 5:00PM

August 21, Friday Census Day (Official Enrollment count taken at 5:00PM)

September 7, Monday State Holiday (no classes)

September 30, Wednesday Fall Festival

October 19, Monday Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades, by 5:00PM; block courses may be dropped only during the first 60% of their regularly scheduled class meetings

October 26 - 30, Monday - Friday Advising for Spring Semester 2021

November 3, Tuesday Election Day/Civic Engagement Day (calendar note only)

November 6, Friday Early registration for special populations begins at 1:00PM

November 9, Monday Registration for Spring Semester 2021 begins

November 10, Tuesday Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available for 15-week courses

November 10, Tuesday Last day for undergraduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Fall 2019, Spring and/or Summer sessions 2020.

November 17, Tuesday Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during the Fall Semester 2019

November 17, Tuesday Classes End; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests

November 19, Thursday Final Examinations begin

November 25, Wednesday Exams for Fall Semester end

TBD Commencement

December 1, Tuesday Grades due at 8:00AM

We hope this quick resource guide will help you during your stay here in Greenville! Again, congratulations on your decision to pursue a career in public health at ECU, and we look forward to meeting you!