ASPPH Presents Webinar Series

Student Services Spotlight: Conversations about Orientation

Monday, April 23, 2018
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern
Method for Submitting Questions/Comments

Join the Conversation...

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Learning Objectives

• Describe new orientation strategies being used at peer institutions
• Identify opportunities to help your orientation evolve
Today’s Presenters

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High-Level Overview

- 530 students from 6 departments
- Begins week before classes and ends a day before classes begins
  - Wednesday – Friday, and Monday

Additional Orientation Sessions

- International Student Orientation
  - 3 day Orientation, week before New Student Orientation
  - International students must attend both Orientations
- Executive MPH Program Orientation
  - Online components
  - 1 Day in person Orientation before on-campus weekend
Pre-Orienta­tion

Communications
- Admitted Student Portal
- Five emailed communications over four months
- Facebook live sessions

Webinars
- Student life
- Office of Accessibility Services
- Honor and Conduct Code
- Career Development
- Certificate Programs
New Student Orientation Layout

Day 1 (Mandatory)
- Department Meetings
- Title IX and Respect Program
- Career Development
  - Directly from undergraduate
  - 1-3 years from undergraduate
  - 3+ years from undergraduate

Day 2 (Optional)
- Information Technology
- Cultural Humility Workshop
- Mental Health and Wellness Panel
- Second Year Student Panel
- Financial Aid Drop In
- Improv and Networking Workshop
Day 3: CDC Day

- All-school reading
  - 2017: “Merchants of Doubt”
  - 2016: “And the Band Played On”
- Welcome Address by Dean
- Overview of the field of public health in the context of community development
- Faculty and Alumni Panel
Day 4: RollinsTeer Day and Organization Fair

- To provide public health students with an opportunity to “learn while doing”
- Logistics
  - 530 students
  - 25 community partners
  - Faculty, staff, and alumni participate as site leaders
Additional Considerations and Logistics

**Staffing**
- 2 Graduate Assistants
- RSPH Ambassadors
- Rollins Student Government Association
- All hands on deck during Orientation
  - Office of Admission and Student Services
  - Associate Directors of Academic Programs
  - Partners

**Registration and Sessions**
- Slate registration and check in
- Tiered check in by department
- Optional evening events specifically for student networking, including:
  - SGA hosted event
  - RPCV event with student organization and Atlanta-Area RPCV group
  - Student organization sponsored activities
Evaluation

How? When? Edits to program?

- 1-week post Orientation
- Survey with Likert scales and open-ended questions
- Emailed to all incoming students
- Results distributed to departments, partners, and reviewed by student life
- Edits made every year to accommodate students
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Tips for Planning for New Student Orientation

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Where to Start
Student profile
Demographics
Returning students
Unique populations
Degree programs
Campuses

Communication & onboarding

Resources

Technology
Let’s Get Real
We always need more time
Needs are constantly changing
Communication- just do it!
Things to Consider

- Set goals
- Solicit feedback
- Identify limitations
- Utilize existing resources
- Navigating logistics
Set Goals
Information distribution
Skill building
Establishing rapport
Forming networks
Solicit Feedback
Focus groups

Post survey
Identify Limitations
TIME

Workload

Ability to provide services
(aka. delegate)
Utilize Existing Resources

Current students

Faculty & staff

Offices at SPH, university, & community
Navigate Logistics
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Day/time/location
Budget
Staffing
Agenda
Sample Agendas/Activities

• Events & Training opportunities
• Welcome Reception
• Agendas
  • International Students
  • MPH
  • MHA
  • McAllen
  • DE
  • Doctoral
Thanks & Gig ‘Em!

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Pre-Orientation & Online Orientation

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About Us

Location: Fort Worth, Texas

- **MPH** in MACH, PHP, EPID, & Professional Option
- **MHA**
- **MS** in EPID, BIOS, & HBR
- **PhD** in Public Health Sciences -EPID & HBR
- **Dual degree**-MPH/DO & /MS Anthropology
- **Graduate Certificate**-PH, GIS, Food Security, & Global Health

- Cohort Students- 154
- Online-130
- Certificate-61
- Non-degree/joint-20
Pre-Orientation

- Student Ambassador
- MyHSC Day
- Admissions
- Personal Phone Calls & Emails
- Twitter Chats
- Webinars
- Facebook group
MyHSC Day – Admitted Students Event
Saturday, April 7th
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Check-in / Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
UNT HSC Courtyard

Welcome, Graduate School Expectations & Meet Your Cohort
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
EAD 703

Faculty / Advisor - Breakout Meetings
10:00 – 10:25 a.m.
EAD Classrooms/Offices

Student Panel
10:30 – 10:55 a.m.
EAD 703

Financial Aid
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
RES 114 (Beyer Hall)

Lunch & Learn:
Student & Family Resources
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.
RES 114 (Beyer Hall)

Relocation Fair
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
MET 109-111

Presentations Hour
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
EAD Classrooms

Alumni Coffee Hour
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
SPH Lounge

Tour / Student Activity
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Various Locations

Fort Worth Bus Tour
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Visit 7th Street, Hospital District, Near Southside, Downtown, Stockyards.
Bus Hosts: Dr. Adrignola & Beth Hargrove.

Dinner Off Campus
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Host students, staff, faculty and ambassadors at Joe T’s banquet facilities.
Dean Thoms lead students in HSC Values Pledge and Assoc. Deans/Advisors/Directors bestow SPH Pins on admitted students.

Return to Campus
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Silverwest Limos

A. Student Presentations – classroom projects or practicum experience
B. Faculty Presentation – 1 hour of regular classroom experience
C. IPE / Co-curricular Experience – 1 hour activity/discussion

Students sit down in small groups with Alumni to hear about their career experiences and goals. Swap tables at 30 minute mark.
Dr. Smethers serve as host for event.
Yeti’s are passed out. Coffee bar and cookies/fruit served.

Students challenged to complete a campus tour by way of a scavenger hunt. Teams of 5-6 students are asked to visit specific campus locations, snap pictures and race for a prize.
Beth Hargrove serve as host for event.

Notes:
- Anticipated attendance 40 – 80 (guest dependent).
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Online Orientation
Canvas
Casual Videos
Faculty
Graduate Assistant Connection
Chat and Zoom feature for Academic Services
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Time for Q&A & Discussion
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Thank You!

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https://www.aspph.org/event/aspph-presents-webinar-student-services-spotlight-conversations-about-orientation/

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Coming Attractions...

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*ASPHH Presents Webinar, Reacting to the Past: An Innovative Simulation/Game Approach to Learning*
Tuesday, May 8, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eastern

*ASPHH Presents Webinar: Opioid Litigation and the Opportunity to Advance Public Health Approaches Through a Possible Master Settlement Agreement*
Tuesday, June 5, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern

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