

SP26 PH 194: Public Health Capstone II

Information Regarding Spring 2026 PH 194 Placement

The BSPH Program will offer multiple sections of PH 194 this spring. To ensure all eligible 2026 graduating students receive seats in the required Public Health Capstone, please make sure to fill out the preferences form (link provided below).

SP26 PH 194: Public Health Capstone II - Course Day/Time Preferences Form (link)

- Form opens: 9:00am on Monday, February 9th, 2026
- Form closes: 11:59pm on Thursday, February 19th, 2026

Please DO NOT submit EASy requests for PH 194 enrollment; **all EASy requests to enroll in PH 194 will be DENIED**. Reviewing unnecessary EASy requests slows down the placement process, so we appreciate your patience.

Eligible students who submit their preferences by the deadline will receive a VAC message with their PH 194 section placement **during** second pass enrollment (no later than **March 11th**).

Clearance to enroll will be **after** winter 2026 grades posts. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Health Advising Office through the VAC <http://vac.ucsd.edu>.

IMPORTANT: You **MUST** fill out the preference form no later than **11:59pm on February 19th** for PH 194 course day/time preference consideration. Only students who have filled out the preference form completely including ranking all PH 194 sections will have their preferences considered. The BSPH Program will try its best to get you into your one of your top three choice PH 194 courses however we can't guarantee anyone's priority selection.

Placement Timeline:

2/9/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form opens at 9:00am for student preference submissions
2/19/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form closes at 11:59pm
2/20/26 – 3/10/26 <i>(or before if placements are finalized earlier)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BSPH Program reviews all submissions for placement
3/11/26 <i>(or before if placements are finalized earlier)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placement decisions released in the VACSP26 PH 194: Capstone II Day/Time Waitlist Form opens (including for students who missed the original deadline)
3/24/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WI26 course grades due by 11:59pm
3/26/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students with placements in their VAC are cleared to enroll in their assigned section by end of day
3/30/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First day of spring quarter• Waitlist form closes and placements are final at this point

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Useful Things to Know:

- Once placements are finalized, students may submit a request to be added to the waitlist for a different section, though placement changes are not guaranteed. Students who miss the original deadline may submit preferences through the [**SP26 PH 194 Capstone II Day/Time Waitlist Form**](#) (link) after all initial placements are complete.
- Instructor preferences will not be considered. All PH 194 sections follow the same curriculum, regardless of instructor.
 - Learning from multiple instructors helps diversify students' knowledge by exposing them to different areas of expertise and teaching approaches. It also allows students to build relationships with a broader range of faculty, creating a larger pool of potential mentors and letter-of-recommendation writers when pursuing future academic or professional opportunities.
- The forms include a section for students to provide additional relevant information for the BSPH Program to consider (e.g., non-UCSD conflicts or significant circumstances requiring special consideration). Additionally, this section provides students the opportunity to upload supporting documentation.
- BSPH Program Policy on Maximum Number of Absences**
 - The BSPH Program policy includes that students must attend a minimum of 80% of each Capstone course in the sequence or the Honors Practicum sequence. Students will not pass PH 193/194 or PH 196AH/BH if they miss >20% of classes (for any reason). Regardless of a student's earned grade, any student who has missed more than the allowed number of absences (excused or unexcused) will fail the course and need to retake the course in a future quarter.
- PH 194/PH 196BH Final: Poster Showcase Presentation**
 - The final for PH 194 and PH 196BH is an in-person poster presentation of the Capstone project or Honors Practicum project at the Poster Showcase. The Poster Showcase is the final step in students culminating research project. It is designed to give students an in-person experience of sharing and discussing work with peers and faculty the same way that is expected of many public health professionals. It is an essential step in preparation for a career in the field of public health and a required final event of this PH 194 Capstone course and the PH 196BH course.
 - Attendance to this event is mandatory for all students to pass the course. Students failing to attend will be required to retake the course in a future quarter.
 - The final requirement of participating in the Poster Showcase is not merely a formality but a pivotal component of the students' comprehensive research experience. It is crafted to provide a realistic experience that mirrors the professional expectations placed upon public health professionals. Engaging in this forum allows students to convey and deliberate over their findings with both peers and faculty, fostering a collaborative and scholarly environment.
 - This Poster Showcase is indispensable in the academic and professional journey within the public health sphere. It equips students with the vital skills of communication, critical feedback reception, and networking, which are cornerstone abilities in the field. Moreover, it prepares them for the real-world scenario where sharing and defending their research findings is a common practice among public health professionals. The presentation and subsequent question-and-answer session are designed to simulate the professional conferences and symposiums where experts convene to exchange ideas and advance public health knowledge.