Student Advisement and Career Counseling

Student advisement takes place in multiple places within the school, starting with recruitment and admissions through the Office of Admissions and Student Services, to departmental expertise and advisement on curriculum and research, and through advisement on practice-based experiences and career development through the Office of Career Services. The Student Leadership Team, comprised of representatives from each core area of advisement, seeks to enhance the student experience by ensuring consistent, cohesive communication with prospective and current students on process, policies and curriculum requirements. An overview of each responsible unit and their advisement functions follows.

School Units responsible for Advisement

Office of Admissions and Student Services Advisement and Counseling
The associate dean for admission and student affairs oversees the Office of Admissions and Student Services (OASS). The mission of the OASS is to advance the public health profession through the recruitment and development of engaged scholars. The OASS oversees most school-wide functions pertaining to student support, including Recruitment and Admissions, Orientation, Community-Engaged Learning, Enrollment Services (Registrar and Financial Aid), the RSPH Practical Experience Program and Student Affairs.

Departmental Expertise and Advisement
Students are advised within departments by the assigned faculty advisor, related faculty and the ADAP(s). As the first point of student contact from recruitment through graduation, the ADAP works closely with faculty in the department to advise students.

Office of Career Services Advisement and Counseling
The mission of the Office of Career Services is provide education, resources and knowledge through personal advising and programming to collaborate in the professional success of RSPH students and alumni to empower the future leaders of public health service.

Model of Student Advisement with the RSPH

The lifecycle of advisement for MPH/MSPH students spans from recruitment through graduation. As described in the Student Advisement Model (to the right), three core areas of advisement include student services, departmental expertise and advisement and career services.