

## **DNFS PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE FINAL POSTER PRESENTATION PROCESS**

**Purpose:** An opportunity to learn from other students about their experiences in the fields of community nutrition, foodservice, food science and clinical nutrition.

1. At the end of the summer, fall and spring practicum experiences, students are expected to create a Practicum Poster using the UVM NFS 274 Practicum Poster Template.

Your Poster should include:

- a. **Introduction** is the *elevator speech* of the practicum experience, preparing students for symposium presentation and professional networking. Structures of the introduction can vary. For example:
  1. Issues identified
  2. Description of the project, experience, service, or advocacy program
  3. SMART objectives for the practicum
  4. Findings, lessons learned, impact
  5. Recommendations for future steps
- b. **Agency/organization analysis** is where students demonstrate their knowledge of the agency/organization based on their practicum experience. For example:
  1. What is your position in the organization?
  2. What is the purpose/goal of the organization or team?
  3. What have you observed to be factors in determining policies and practices within the organization that either help or hinder its ability to effectively address its mission (e.g. elimination of structural bias, social inequities, and/or racism)?
  4. What would you recommend to the organization's leaders?
- c. **Project description** is where students demonstrate what was completed and to place the experiences within the context of the sponsoring agency/organization.
  1. What is the problem or issue to be addressed by the practicum experience and deliverable(s) for the site?
  2. How did you approach the problem or issue?
  3. How will the resulting information, activities, and product be used and by whom? What decisions will it inform? What are the short-term and long-term impact on the organization?

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- d. ***Self-evaluation*** is where students elaborate on their attainment of the SMART objectives outlined in their Practicum Contract.
  1. How successful was I in achieving SMART objectives and scope of work?
  2. Describe any unexpected accomplishments and challenges, if applicable.
  3. How could have my practicum experience been made better?
  4. What are the impacts this experience has had on my personal and professional development?
  5. What would I recommend future students to prepare for their practicum?  
For example, I am glad I did X; I wish have done Y differently.
  
2. Completed Posters will be converted to a PDF and emailed to Dr. Farryl Bertmann, fbertman@uvm.edu. The presentations will be uploaded to a web-based platform called **Voice Thread (VT)**. VT enables teachers and students to upload images, video, documents, record audio, video, or text comments and then invite others to record comments.
  
3. Students must register for a free Voice Thread account at: <https://voicethread.com/register/>
  
4. Once presentations have been loaded students can find their presentation at the address corresponding to their experience:  
NFS 274: <http://voicethread.com/new/share/6892149/>
  
5. Students will also complete an audio recording of their presentation. Completed Mp3 audio recordings of the presentation will be emailed or File Transferred to Dr. Farryl Bertmann, fbertman@uvm.edu. The poster and audio recording will be uploaded to a web-based platform called **Voice Thread (VT)**. VT enables teachers and students to upload images, video, documents, record audio, video, or text comments and then invite others to record comments.  
  
\*Presentations should be recorded as an Mp3 and range between 7-10 minutes. The recording will be cut off at **10 minutes long**.
  
6. Once all recordings and posters have been uploaded Dr. Farryl Bertmann will email website addresses for the NFS 274 Voice Thread site. Students will listen to all presentations and choose one from one area of experience to comment on.
  - a. Comments must include:
    1. Why were you interested in commenting on this presentation?
    2. What are your take away messages?
    3. Would you be interested in experiencing this practicum opportunity?
    4. Explain why or why not.