Exception Policy for Applied Learning Experience (ALE) I and II Course Formats
Effective Fall Semester 2012

As of fall semester, 2012, there will be no exceptions for students to take courses during HEA650 – ALE II or to take a semester break between ALE I and II.

There will be no exceptions to changes in the ALE I and II course formats due to any of the following situations:

- Taking courses out of sequence or not taking courses in recommended rotations resulting in students needing to take other (track or elective) courses with HEA650 – ALE II to graduate on time.

- The need to take required courses at the same time as HEA650 ALE - II due to the need for students to start a medical residency or another graduate program at the end of the semester.

- Students self-advising and registering for ALE I and II early in the program and having no idea about the practicum and how it works.

- International students asking for exceptions to take a semester break between ALE I and II to return to their home country for the summer or other students needing a semester break between ALE I and II for other reasons. They now have an urgent need to take complete their track or elective courses during HEA 650-ALE II to graduate on time.

Please make sure that you fully understand the purpose of the ALE and how it works. If you are not sure, please review the ALE I and II Guidelines and Appendices posted on the MPH website.

Note that ALE I and II have to be at the end of the program. ALE is a practicum that includes a culminating activity (remember the practicum and culminating activity are requirements of CEPH accreditation). The culminating activity (the major project) needs to be completed after all the course work is completed.

The ALE Faculty Supervisor does approve student applications for ALE I and II and reviews transcripts before confirming ALE site placement. If the students are not ready for the practicum, they will be dropped from ALE I or II.

It is important that you carefully plan your course rotations especially if you are entering another graduate program or medical residency at the end of the MPH Program. The MPH Faculty wants you to plan course sequences that will promote a smooth path to graduation. As a graduate student, you will need to understand the consequences of your actions that may result in a delay in your graduation date. If you have any questions about this Exception Policy, please contact your faculty advisor or track coordinator.