

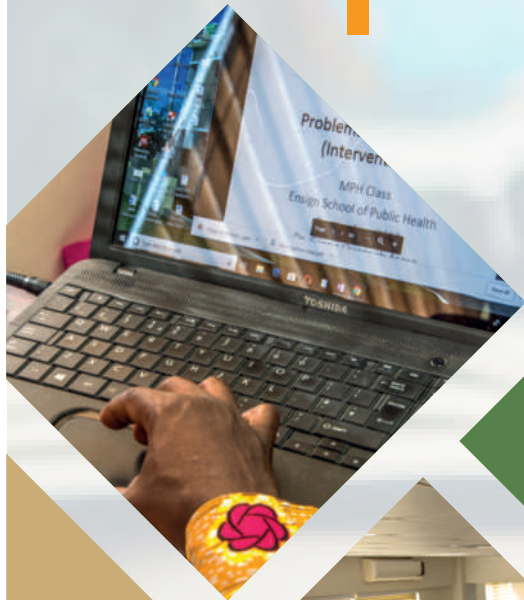


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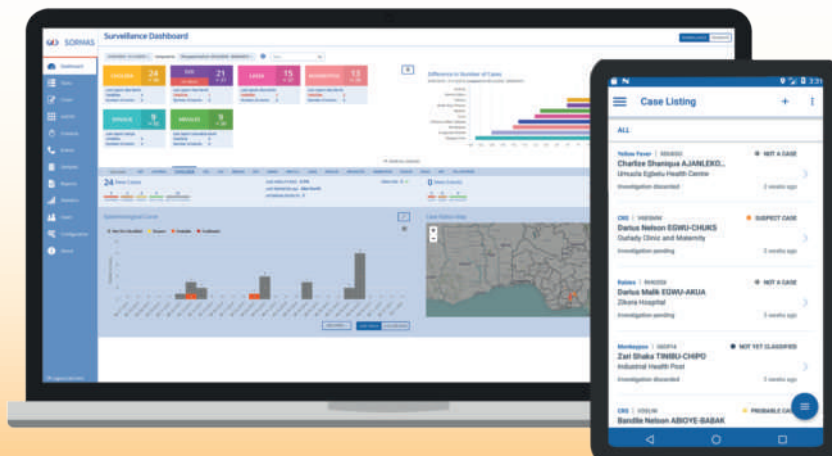
THE FIELD PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

Public health students (featured Kafui Paku and Priscilla Eugenia Doku-Asare) engaged in a community health training session at a CHPS zone in Accra assisted by a community health nurse. 'My first day at school' activities is organized by the municipal health directorate at different cluster of schools to educate and ensure children are physically fit and healthy to start the term. Ensign students got involved to educate school children on COVID-19, nutrition, hygienic measures and a lot more.



TRAINING ON SURVEILLANCE OUTBREAK RESPONSE MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM (SORMAS)

SORMAS (Surveillance Outbreak Response Management and Analysis System) is the digital solution for Health and eHealth surveillance for epidemics worldwide. It covers infectious diseases from COVID-19 to Ebola and provides digital infrastructure for timely management and control measures to verify disease cases. Mr. Gideon Kwarteng Acheampong, an alumni and a public health researcher at the Disease Surveillance department and Emergency Operations Center of the Ghana Health Services, engaged with Ensign students on the 26th of February, 2021, training them on SORMAS. This was a practical training and interactive session.



NATIONAL COVID-19 RESURGENCE AND OUTBREAK INVESTIGATIONS

This seminar took place on the 5th of March, 2021 to enable students expand on foundational competencies of applying epidemiological methods to the breadth of settings and situations in public health practice and interpretation of results of data analysis for public health, policy or practice. The guest speaker, Mr. Ernest Akyereko, a field epidemiologist from the Ghana Health Service (MPhil in Applied Epidemiology and Disease control/ MSc in Geo-information Science) provided on the ground information on the chronology of COVID-19 events in Ghana, the overall goal of the response, key principles of the response, the national strategic response (which was being overseen by the office of the president), some lessons learnt and challenges, as well as issues related to COVID-19 vaccination. Students actively participated in discussions on on-going pandemic issues on the ground. This educational interaction took place through zoom.



RAISING AWARENESS OF COVID-19 AMONGST SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE LOWER MANYA KROBO MUNICIPALITY

The Ensign College of Public Health partnered with Rescue Volunteers (Ghana) and the Ghana Education Service on the 9th of April, 2021 to train 60 selected pupils from six junior high schools at Kpong in the Eastern Region to serve as agents of change and ambassadors in on-going efforts to help curb the spread of COVID-19 within schools and the community at large. The students also received PPE donations from Rescue Volunteers (Ghana).

LINK: <https://bit.ly/2VBOHVk>



TWO ENSIGN STUDENTS FUNDED BY THE AFRICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (AAS) TO PARTAKE IN THE DEMSU DATA SCIENCE TRAINING WORKSHOP

Curtis Conduah and Ama Korantemaa are final year students of the Ensign College of Public Health with strong passion in data science and its application to health research. Early this year, they both gained scholarship onto the highly competitive DEMSU training workshops on data science and its application for improving maternal, neonatal and child health in African countries.

The DEMSU project, which is funded by the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), seeks to investigate the dietary and environmental mediators of socioeconomic inequalities in child undernutrition (DEMSU) in West Africa using Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) datasets and intends to build strong partnerships on the African continent to help achieve SDG 3.1 and 3.2.



Ama Korantemaa



Curtis Conduah

'We are most grateful to the Ensign College of Public Health for providing us with strong foundations in statistical and epidemiological research. The conspicuous excellent pedagogical and learning ambience in the College is highly commendable and worthy of emulation by schools of public health in Africa.'

- Curtis Conduah

AN INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY TURNED INTO EMPLOYMENT

Miss Laretta Elloh-Donkor, is a final year student of the Ensign College of Public Health and also the immediate past SRC secretary of the College (2019/2020 academic year). She is a trained physician assistant with expertise in chronic diseases, mental health, and childhood immunizations.



Her thesis research work focused on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health of the health professionals at the Greater Accra Regional Hospital (formerly the Ridge Hospital). She has also done a study on alcohol intake and its related illnesses at Catholic Hospital, Battor.

Laretta is the Chronic Care Educator designate at the Nyaho Medical Center (Airport Branch), where she will be providing assessment, intervention, and evaluation of individuals and populations living with diabetes and other cardio-metabolic conditions. Hitherto, she had worked as a graduate intern with the Nyaho Medical Center, and also with the Expanded Programme on Immunization, where she played key roles in national to lower level cascaded trainings pertaining to immunization campaigns and other projects.

'I got the opportunity to intern with Nyaho Medical Center through the Ensign College of Public Health. Ensign also facilitated my attachment with the Expanded Programme on Immunization through their goodwill and highly supportive alumni. So, not only do you enjoy an enviable quality classroom and community centered public health education at Ensign, but you are also drawn closer to an array of work opportunities through affinity and identity. It has been a very rewarding journey with this great institution '

- Laretta Elloh-Donkor

HEALTH2GO

MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE (MHH), MAY 2021

In the third week of May 2021, the Ensign College of Public Health, the Ghana Education Service and the Ghana Health Service together with some NGOs embarked on a campaign to some selected junior and senior high schools in the Eastern region of Ghana to promote good menstrual hygiene, break the silence, raise awareness and change the negative social norms around MHH. Three thousand (3000) school girls within eight schools were targeted. This was in commemoration and support of the worldwide efforts to promote menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls.

LINK : [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3WBM7VG](https://bit.ly/3WBM7VG)

The 5th Health2Go Barekuma Collaborative Community Development Project (BCCDP) Site Refresher training came off in March, 2021. The training of community volunteers was in two folds, an in-class training session followed by practical training session at the Barekese hospital and surrounding communities. The focus was on danger signs in pregnant women and neonates, RDT results reading and drug expiration test, fever and malaria review, tepid sponging, cough and pneumonia. CBAs were examined on the mentioned topics and their knowledge upgraded.

The 9th Health2GO Wawase Site Refresher training took place at the Ensign College of Public Health in April, 2021. The training and examination format for the CBAs was similar to that at the BCCDP area.



#3000SchoolGirls



CENTER FOR GLOBAL SURGERY UPDATE

Over the last few months the Center for Global Surgery has been actively mopping up with data collection on the country-wide survey-“Nationwide Assessment and Mapping of Breast and Cervical Cancer Services”. Despite some administrative and jurisdictional challenges, the trained research assistants have been able to cover much of the country.

We continue to maintain ties with working partners and are currently connected with the Eastern Regional Health Directorate. Dr. Edward Kofi Sutherland, Site Director for West Africa, shared preliminary findings of the pilot study with the Eastern Regional Health Directorate at its 2020 Annual Performance Review meeting on the 18th of March, 2021. In attendance were district health directors, medical directors, hospital superintendents and hospital administrators within the Eastern Region.



OB-GYN + GLOBAL SURGERY

NEW STAFF


ECOPH welcomed Patrick Umeh as Special Projects and Partnership Development Manager in February, 2021. Prior to Patrick Umeh’s career in Public Health, he worked as a Business Systems Analyst/Developer and Operations Manager in the Distribution and Sales industry. He was also a Value Chain Analyst for a US based publicly traded Corporation where he researched efficient sources of raw materials in Africa and supported the organization’s efforts to document traceability of their raw materials. In addition, he worked as the Metrics Analyst for a non-governmental organization where he supported the monitoring and evaluation of projects in multiple countries.

Patrick holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Information Technology from the University of Greenwich where he graduated with First Class Honors and a Master of Public Health Degree (MPH) from Ensign College of Public Health. He has also completed the Advanced International Diploma in Computer Science, certificates in LEAN SIX SIGMA, Information Technology Professional, Project Management, and Data Analysis. He is passionate about working in a team that develops sustainable solutions for deprived/emerging communities.

‘I believe that everything we have in this life came because someone else gave service’

- Patrick Umeh





ALUMNUS IN FOCUS

Lawrence Lartey, a graduate of ECOPH (2017) is a medical doctor and public health specialist. He is Head of Port Health at the Kotoka International Airport and the Acting Manager of the Public Health Emergency Operation Center (PHEOC) at the Public Health Division of the Ghana Health Service. He is an active member of the National Public Health Rapid Response Team (PHRRT) and of the National Technical Coordinating Committee chaired by the Minister of Health. His work is mainly to provide COVID-19 response support through active risk assessment, national COVID-19 data management, managing travel related COVID-19 data and generating information through analysis to inform policy decision.



Lawrence is involved in conducting risk assessments at various ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) and other national institutions like the Parliament of Ghana before the events are organized. He reviews various COVID-19 local outbreaks in schools, football clubs, churches and organizations (private and public) and subsequently provides recommendations to control these outbreaks.

Lawrence has also been involved in the development of COVID-19 related safety protocols, standard operating procedures and guidelines and also in the development of the National COVID-19 response strategic plan, occupational health strategic plan for Ghana amongst others. His work has had and continues to have a direct impact on the lives of people in Ghana by guiding the policy decision making process through the provision of scientific data and information. Public health advocacy has been a greater part of his work.

'ECOPH has been one of the best things that happened to me. Commitment, systematic thinking, dedication, hard-work and truthfulness are qualities ECOPH has imbibed in me. We can always create a difference if we want to'

- Lawrence Lartey

AN ENSIGN STUDENT WINS THE ASSOCIATION OF ACCREDITED PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS' (AAPHP) SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR A SECOND CONSECUTIVE TIME

Victoria Partey-Newman is a final year MPH student, a medical doctor by training and very passionate about women's health issues. She is the doctor-in-charge of the Well Woman's Clinic at the Trust Hospital in Accra, Ghana. This clinic is a vital part of the hospital which handles breast cancer screening, cervical cancer screening as well as family planning and adolescent sexual education. Victoria's passion led her to pursue an internship opportunity with the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) during her Ensign MPH fieldwork practice where she worked with the PATH team on access and usage of cervarix vaccine in rural Ghana.

Her research project for which the AAPHP public health practice award grant of 1000 USD was given is "Cognizance of Cervical Cancer and its Service Delivery Practices amongst Community Health Workers at the Krobo Enclave in the Eastern Region of Ghana". She believes that to advance women's health in Ghana, change needs to begin from the grass-roots of the health system through a public health approach and pivot and she is in for this challenge. Victoria's zeal to excel and to pursue her purpose firms her endurance. Last year 2020, an Ensign student also won this award.

'Studying Public health at ECOPH has magnified by scope view on women's health from a community perspective'

-Victoria Partey-Newman



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Applicants must have expertise in at least 2 of the following areas:

1. Social and Behavioral Sciences
2. Environmental and Occupational Health
3. Family and Reproductive Health
4. Public Health Nutrition
5. Disaster Management
6. Health Economics
7. Health Literacy and Communication

QUALIFICATIONS/ GENERAL REQUIREMENTS Applicant must:

1. Possess PhD in Public Health or a closely related field
2. Have taught for a minimum of four (4) years or have considerable number of years of teaching and research experience at the tertiary level.
3. Have at least 3 publications to his/her credit in peer reviewed journals or a number of refereed publications in the last 5 years in their areas of specialization.
4. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
5. Passionate about applying best practices in pedagogy to the teaching of courses at the post graduate level.
6. Have excellent skills in qualitative research.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Applicants should forward application materials (Letter of interest, curriculum vitae with contact information for three (3) referees, and copies of certificates) electronically to facultyposition@ensign.edu.gh

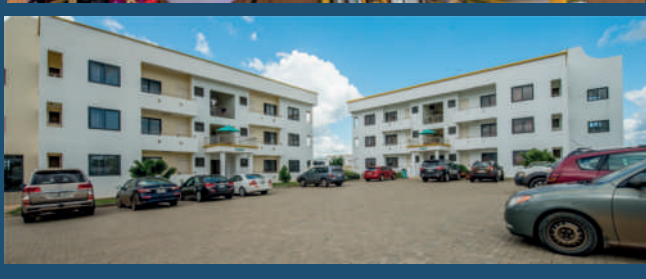
Applicants should indicate in the heading of their cover letter the discipline they wish to teach.

DEADLINE

The application materials should be submitted by **15th July, 2021** (Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted)

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1. Teaching
2. Research
3. Engaged Service
4. Student project work supervision, academic counseling and any other relevant responsibility that may be assigned



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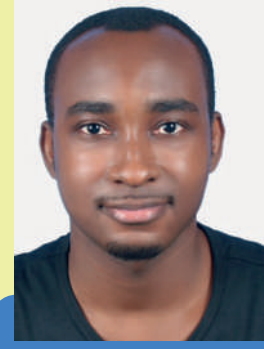
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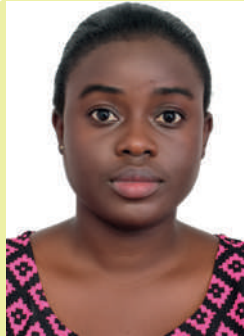


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