

Graduate Certificate in Global Health

Certificate Overview

Expansion in global communication, travel and trade has increased the need for clinical and public health professionals who understand health issues that transcend national and continental borders. The Graduate Certificate in Global Health is designed to prepare students to meet the growing demand for international, interdisciplinary skills in areas such as disease and injury prevention, health care, and other health-related disciplines.

Curriculum

The Graduate Certificate in Global Health requires completion of 12 regular course credits (generally will be 4 courses) and one 3 credit hour internship.

- Courses must include topics related to global health from a medical, cultural, geographical, sociological, or other perspective.
- Two courses are required (6 credit hours):
 - a health assessment course, usually in the form of an introductory epidemiology course such as CPH 605;
 - an introductory course in global health, such as CPH 751
- The other 2 courses (6 credit hours) are electives:
 - One of the elective courses must be outside the College of Public Health.
 - One elective must be from the approved list located on-line (or approved by the certificate director):
- CPH 709 Global Health Internship
The internship is a crucial culminating experience for the certificate. It requires at least a 4-week internship abroad, in or related to a resource-poor or resource-limited setting. It also requires a mentor both at UK and locally.

Internship Learning Objectives:

The internship will provide an opportunity for students to participate in a health-related activity, project or program in a resource-limited setting in a foreign country. This will allow students in the Global Health Certificate Program to acquire direct international experience with relevant, current global health issues, and to integrate and apply knowledge and skills learned in their coursework.

The minimum duration of the internship will be 4 weeks and it will count as 3 credit hours. Each internship will be unique, depending on the student's background and interest, as well as on the needs and resources of the location where it is conducted. The main activity and setting of the internship can range from providing primary or specialty direct patient care in a hospital, outpatient or other type of medical setting (for students in clinical disciplines); prevention, community health or health education activities in schools, neighborhood meetings or other venues; collection of environmental samples from water, soil, food, etc. For students in the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the internship may take the form of a rotation. For more information, please contact the director.

Eligibility-Admission

The minimum Graduate School requirements for admission to a certificate curriculum are the same as those in effect for post-baccalaureate status.

- Students, who already are or will be enrolled in a degree program, or those who simply apply for post-baccalaureate (non-degree) status in order to complete the certificate, are eligible to apply for admission.
- Applicants for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Global Health must be approved for admission by the certificate director who shall notify the Graduate School student's admission. A student should apply and be admitted to the certificate curriculum prior to taking any classes that will be counted towards completion of the certificate.

Admission to or award of a graduate certificate does not guarantee admission to a degree program in the same or any other discipline.

Application Process

Students must be admitted to the UK Graduate School. Unless you are currently an MPH student, you must apply and be admitted to the Graduate School. Graduate School application deadlines and forms may be obtained through their website at: <http://www.rgs.uky.edu/gs/>.

Submit Graduate School applications directly to the Graduate School. Please note and adhere to the submission deadlines of the Graduate School.

Pre-approved certificate courses that have already been completed may count towards the curriculum requirements. (This does not include internships.) Requests to include these courses are made on the application. No more than six hours previously completed at UK can be counted toward the certificate.

Website Link

http://bit.ly/CPH_GradCert_GlobalHealth

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