

# GLOBAL HEALTH GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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| Person-in-Charge | Cheryl Thompson |
| Program Code     | GLBHL           |
| Campus(es)       | Hershey         |

The purpose of this 12-credit graduate certificate in Global Health is to provide students with foundational graduate-level course work in global health. All course work will be at the 500 or 800 level. Upon completion of the Public Health certificate, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate their knowledge of the major players and issues in global health, how global health systems interact, and the social, political, and cultural determinants related to health and health systems.
2. Apply their skills to assessing global health issues and developing solutions.

Certificate course work may be transferable to the Penn State Master of Public (M.P.H.) graduate degree program subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit, (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/transfer-credit/>) should a student wish to continue public health training at the graduate level. Students must earn a grade of B or better for a course to be applied to the M.P.H. degree program. Students who wish to pursue the M.P.H. degree must formally apply and be admitted to the Penn State M.P.H. degree program. Admission into the Penn State M.P.H. degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed. Admission into the M.P.H. program, and credit towards a graduate degree for specific courses is not guaranteed based on acceptance into or completion of the certificate program.

**Effective Semester:** Summer 2023

**Expiration Semester:** Summer 2028

## Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Applicants must submit the following items with their application for admission to the Public Health certificate program:

- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>)
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Purpose or Rationale for seeking a Graduate Certificate in Global Health
- Two letters of recommendation

Admission decisions are made by a faculty committee and are based on the quality of the applicant's professional and academic accomplishments. Upon approval, certificate program students will enroll in course work on a nondegree basis. Note that admission as a nondegree graduate student neither guarantees nor implies subsequent admission to a degree program. Nondegree students are not eligible to receive fellowships or graduate assistantships.

## Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

Students must complete each course with a grade of B or better in order to receive the certificate.

| Code                                 | Title  | Credits   |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>              |  |           |
| PHS 803                              | Principles of Global Health  | 3         |
| PHS 809                              | Principles of Public Health <sup>1</sup>                                     | 3         |
|                                      | or PHS 577 Integrative Seminar in Social & Behavioral Determinants of Health |           |
| Select 6 credits from the following: |  | 6         |
| HLHED 501                            | World Health Promotion   |           |
| HLHED 553                            | Multicultural Health Issues  |           |
| PHS 551                              | Advanced Epidemiological Methods <sup>2</sup>                                |           |
| PHS 557                              | Global Impact of Infectious Diseases   |           |
| PHS 804                              | Integrating Systems Thinking in Global Health                                |           |
| PHS 890                              | Colloquium   |           |
| PHS 895A                             | Master of Public Health Internship   |           |
| PHS 895B                             | Advanced Field Experience  |           |
| PHS 895C                             | MPH Global Health Internship   |           |
| PHS 895D                             | Dr.P.H. Global Advanced Field Experience                                     |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                 |  | <b>12</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Dr.P.H. students take PHS 577.

<sup>2</sup> Epidemiology and Biostatistics Track students only.

## Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

## Learning Outcomes.

1. Propose evidence based solutions to global health problems.
2. Employ critical thinking and appraisal of the literature to explain the global influences on determinants of health.
3. Apply social justice and human rights principles in public health policies and programs.

4. Describe the roles and relationships of the entities influencing global health.
5. Identify the relationships among patterns of morbidity, mortality, and disability with demographic and other factors in shaping the circumstances of the population of a specified community, country, or region.

## Contact

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