Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Case Western Reserve University

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH (CGH)

WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH?

Global Health is the broadest concept of public health, focusing on international aspects of disease transmission, diagnosis, treatment, policy, and prevention. Our overall objective in making this interdisciplinary certificate available is to support MSASS students with interest in “health problems, issues, and concerns that transcend national boundaries, may be influenced by circumstances or experiences in other countries, and are best addressed by cooperative actions and solutions.” Current participating departments and Schools include Mathematics; Medicine; Public Health; Anthropology; Nursing; Bioethics; Epidemiology/Biostatistics; Biology; and Engineering. http://www.case.edu/med/cfgh/FAQs.html

WHAT ARE THE STRUCTURE AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CERTIFICATE?

The requirements to receive the certificate differ by discipline and emphasize discipline-specific and interdisciplinary coursework. For MSASS students this would include completion of the required interdisciplinary course INTH 301/401: Fundamentals of Global Health as well as completing SSWM 546: International Social Work and an additional MSASS elective from a selected list. Such a list would include but is not limited to SPPP 511: Health Policy and Service Delivery; SPPP 513: Aging Policy and Service Delivery; SPPP 520: Homelessness; SPPP 525: AIDS Policy and Service Delivery; SSBT 555: Women’s Issues; SASS 510: Health Disparities. Additionally, anyone of the SASS 575 international education courses relevant to global health is on this selected list.

WHAT CONCENTRATION IS THE CERTIFICATE PLANNED?

We anticipate the certificate is most appropriate for students who choose to complete Community and Social Development concentration or the Health or Aging specializations in Direct Practice. Students in other specializations at MSASS should discuss the certificate with the MSASS Global Health advisor.

HOW WILL MSASS FACULTY BE INVOLVED?

MSASS faculty will teach one or two class sessions for INTH 301/401: Fundamentals for Global Health. The focus of our interaction in this course will be sessions with a focus on cultural competence, specifically, according to Dr. Nixon “the ability to understand the issues, dynamics, and challenges to culturally competent practice in the promotion of global health and disease prevention aimed at diverse ethnic/cultural groups.” Additionally, Dr. Hokenstad’s SSWM 546: International Social Work will be a significant addition to the electives available to students from other disciplines.

WILL THE CERTIFICATE INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL FIELD PLACEMENTS?

Although this is an area for exploration, the School does not have such field placements.
WHY WOULD A STUDENT ELECT TO DO THE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH?

A full time student can complete the certificate by choosing certificate requirements as his or her free electives. There would be no additional tuition cost, and for the student interested in continued involvement or a career in global health initiatives, the certificate allows the ability to focus in this area and begin to collaborate across disciplines. The required interdisciplinary course INTH 301/401: Fundamentals of Global Health for the certificate is not scheduled to accommodate students in the Intensive Weekend program.

WOULD PARTICIPATION IN THE CERTIFICATE BE REFLECTED ON A TRANSCRIPT?

No. The certificate will not appear on the transcript. Completed courses will appear as part of the course history/final transcript. Because the requirements for the CGH are program-specific, no overall certificate of completion is awarded.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Please go to http://www.case.edu/med/cfg/ index.htm for complete information about this interdisciplinary Certificate. Information on the MSASS program in the Certificate is also listed on the MSASS website http://msass.case.edu/academic/index.html.

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