BYU MPH

# MPH Certificate: *Global Health*

Global health seeks to improve health and health equity for all people worldwide, not just among individual nations. As such, completion of the Global Health certificate will prepare students to: (1) understand important concepts and principles associated with global health; (2) collaborate and partner with global health stakeholders; and (3) address health disparities among underserved and at-risk populations. Students will receive a certificate from the Department of Public Health. Completion of certificates is *not* noted on academic transcripts.

## Eligibility

Only matriculated Master of Public Health (MPH) students at Brigham Young University are eligible for a global health certificate.

## Requirements

1. Complete two certificates from the Global Health eLearning Center (http://globalhealthlearning.org/). See "certificate programs" and select from child survival, cross-cutting, family planning and reproductive health, gender and health, health systems, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, maternal health, and neonatal health.
2. Students must complete 18 credits (12 credits of coursework plus 6-credit field experience) in order to earn the Global Health certificate.

| Course[a, b, c] | Title | Credits |
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| *Complete the following courses:* | | |
| HLTH 480 | International Health | 3 |
| HLTH 688R | Field Experience (prerequisites TBD) | 6 |
| *Complete 9.0 credits from the following course(s):* | | |
| HLTH 413 | Refugee and Migrant Health | 3 |
| HLTH 482 | Medical Geography (prerequisite STAT 121) | 3 |
| HLTH 603R | Special Topics in Public Health (up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate) | 3 |
| HLTH 691R | Mentored Research (up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate) | 3 |
| HLTH 696R | Independent Studies (up to 3 credits can be counted for the certificate) | 3 |
| MPA 650 | Nonprofit Organization Management | 3 |
| NDFS 380 | International Nutrition (prerequisite NDFS 100) | 3 |
| SOCW 585 | Global Issues of Children at Risk | 3 |
| Total | | 18 |

[a] MPH students can count up to 9.0 credits of 300/400 level courses toward their MPH degree, but not more than 9.0 credits. Only one 300 level course may be counted. Students must petition to Graduate Studies for approval to count a 300-level course.

[b] If any listed course(s) were taken as part of an undergraduate degree, then students must substitute the course(s) with another approved elective.

[c] Changes to certificate course requirements must be approved by the Global Health certificate lead, Dr. Steve Thygerson, and the MPH director.

## Field Experience and "R" Courses Requirements

Students need to complete a field experience (HLTH 688R) in global health as approved by their graduate faculty advisor. This means fieldwork will focus on an underserved or marginalized population, typically in an international setting. Fieldwork associated with the BYU Global Health Internship Program is recommended and encouraged.

Students choosing to complete HLTH 603R – Special Topics in Public Health, HLTH 691R – Mentored Research, and/or HLTH 696R – Independent Studies as an elective(s) are required to focus on topics, readings, research, or studies among underserved or marginalized populations, typically in an international setting.