

# GLOBAL HEALTH ONLINE, CAPSTONE CERTIFICATE

## REQUIREMENTS

Required Coursework: 11 credits

Completion of eleven credits is required for the certificate, including ten core course credit requirements and one credit of global health field experience. A description of the requirements is provided below.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Capstone Certificate Requirements</b>		
<i>Core Course Requirements</i>		
PUBLHLTH 710	Introduction to Global Health: History, Current Issues, and Health Statistics	2
PUBLHLTH 711	Global Public Health and Healthcare Systems: Organizations, Governance, Financing, and Workforce	2
PUBLHLTH 712	Global Health: Infectious Diseases, One Health, and Prevention Strategies	2
PUBLHLTH 713	Global Health: Non-communicable Diseases, Poverty, Environmental Health, and Food Security	2
PUBLHLTH 714	Global Health Field Work Fundamentals: Engagement, Ethics, Policy, and Methods	2
<i>Global Health Field Experience</i>		
PUBLHLTH 716	Study Abroad Global Health Field Experience	1
Independent Study <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>11</b>

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For **independent study field experiences**, certificate students must prepare a proposal, to be reviewed and approved by his or her advisor and the Certificate Program Director, which describes project goals and objectives and outlines a tentative schedule of activities. Students must register for independent study credit in an appropriate school or department (a 699 course number in most health sciences and graduate departments). All students completing independent field experiences are required by the School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) to execute an affiliation agreement between the field site organization and the SMPH/University of Wisconsin–Madison. Upon completion of the independent field experience, all students must submit to the Certificate program office:

- A summary of reflections on the field course/experience. (This may take the form of a journal kept throughout the field course/experience, or if a journal was not kept, a template will be provided.);
- An instructor evaluation of the student;
- A reference-cited, academic paper/project report; and
- A site evaluation.

## DETAILS ON THE GLOBAL HEALTH FIELD EXPERIENCE

A global health field experience/course is an academic credit-based learning experience in a setting relevant to global health. Field experiences/courses are generally carried out during the summer (less commonly within the normal academic calendar if they do not interfere with class attendance or completion of requirements for registered coursework). Students must be in good academic standing to participate in a global health field experience. One week of on-site learning is equivalent to 1 credit. (*While field experience credits may range from 1-6, only one field experience credit counts toward the certificate requirements.*)

Students may elect to complete either: a) a **faculty-led interdisciplinary group field course** administered by the UW–Madison Office of International Academic Programs (i.e., PUBLHLTH 716 Study Abroad Global Health Field Experience), or b) an **independent study field experience** at the site of their choice, with approval of an academic advisor and the certificate faculty program director (see footnote 1 above). Field experiences usually take place in a country outside the United States, but may also be carried out in the United States, working with international/under-served populations or addressing health issues that have global implications. Students may also work with international agencies, such as the United Nations, the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or nongovernmental organizations.

For PUBLHLTH 716 faculty-led group courses (Thailand, Uganda, Ecuador), students are required to apply to participate in the field course through the campus-wide Office of International Academic Programs and complete a country-specific orientation program. Upon satisfactory completion of the field course, students will receive credit for PUBLHLTH 716.

Capstone Certificate in Global Health Online students who are unable to complete the field course or independent field experience (due, for instance, to family/childcare commitments, work commitments, impediments to travel in their home country, financial constraints, etc.) will be offered the alternative option of conducting an in-depth analysis of a global health issue via completion of PUBLHLTH 715 Global Health Issue Analysis.

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPSTONE CERTIFICATE COMPLETION**

- Students must earn a minimum grade of C in each course used to meet Capstone Certificate requirements.
- Courses in which a student elects the pass/fail or audit option will not count toward completion of Capstone Certificate requirements.
- All of the Capstone Certificate credits must be earned "in residence" (which includes on campus and distance-delivered courses) at UW-Madison.
- All of the Capstone Certificate credits must be earned while enrolled in the Capstone Certificate program.

Individual Capstone Certificate programs may have additional requirements for completion, which will be listed above as/if applicable.