

GLOBAL HEALTH, CERTIFICATE

The 15-credit certificate provides interdisciplinary perspectives on well-being, health inequities, and the root causes of global health challenges, and it is a great complement to many majors. The certificate is open to all UW–Madison undergraduate students and welcomes all who are passionate about improving the health of populations across the world.

Students build knowledge about the global burden of disease and threats to well-being and are able to identify parallels between local, domestic, and international health issues. Through coursework and field experiences, students learn about public and global health careers and build valuable cross-cultural communication skills.

CUSTOMIZE A PATH OF STUDY

The certificate curriculum is flexible including core courses, a diverse range of electives, and a credit-bearing field experience requirement, allowing students to enhance the connection between the certificate and their major field of study as desired. Students have added the certificate to more than 50 majors in Agricultural and Life Sciences, Letters & Science, Human Ecology, Education, Nursing, Engineering, and Business.

LEARN THROUGH HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

A required field experience (<https://globalhealth.cals.wisc.edu/about-the-certificate/field-experiences/>) allows students to apply their coursework in a real-life setting where they examine global health issues and explore the connections among human, animal, plant, and environmental health alongside community members and health practitioners in Wisconsin, the U.S., and abroad.

GAIN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Core courses provide students with a strong global and comparative framework for understanding complex health challenges, and faculty-led field experiences, whether international or within the U.S., allow students to learn about global health challenges from leading experts in the field.

BUILD COMMUNITY AND NETWORKS

Field experience courses provide opportunities for community-building and high-impact educational experiences in courses with fewer than 20 students. Many students also build connections and develop leadership skills through participation in the many student organizations (<https://globalhealth.cals.wisc.edu/involvement/student-orgs/>) on campus related to global health.