The Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health is a 15-credit program open to all undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. The curriculum features a set of core courses, a diverse pool of elective options, and a credit-bearing field experience requirement.

Global health is about improving health equitably for all people worldwide. It encompasses social justice, ethics, and planetary health. The “global” in global health does not necessarily mean “international,” but rather refers to the scope of the issues addressed, spanning geographic and socioeconomic boundaries. A key facet of global health is a focus on disease and illness prevention and addressing root causes of health challenges around the world. Through the certificate, students will examine global health issues in Wisconsin, the U.S., and abroad, exploring the connections among human, animal, plant, and environmental health.

Examples of global health issues include maternal and child health, inadequate water and sanitation systems, food insecurity, infectious diseases, racism in the medical system, and climate change, to name a few. Solutions to these problems require expertise from many disciplines, and the certificate welcomes not only pre-health students but all students who are passionate about improving the health of populations and addressing health inequities.

The certificate is administered by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) in partnership with faculty and staff across campus. Learn more about the program on its website (https://education.ghi.wisc.edu/undergraduate-certificate-in-global-health/).