

GLOBAL HEALTH, CAPSTONE CERTIFICATE

REQUIREMENTS

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE SUMMER 2024. SPRING 2024 IS THE FINAL SEMESTER TO COMPLETE THIS PROGRAM.

Completion of a minimum of nine credits is required for the certificate, including six core course credit requirements, one of which is a credit-based global health field experience, and three elective credits. A description of the core requirements and electives is provided below.

Core course requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
POP HLTH 718	Principles of Global Health Care Systems ¹	2
POP HLTH 810	Global Health Epidemiology	2
Students choose one of the following sequences:		
POP HLTH 640	Foundations in Global Health Practice ²	1
Independent Study 699 ³		1
<i>or</i>		
POP HLTH 644	Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Global Health and Disease ⁴	1
POP HLTH 645		1
Students take electives to complete credit requirements. Consult with Global Health Institute program staff for updated list.		3

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If possible, for optimal preparation, POP HLTH 718 should be taken prior to POP HLTH 640 and undertaking an independent field experience.

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POP HLTH 640 is for students planning to do an independent global health field experience. It includes selecting a site, identifying a counterpart organization, developing a scope of work that is of mutual benefit to the student and the counterpart organization, and preparation for travel (health and safety).

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Students should take Independent Study 699 in the department of advisor, with certificate director approval.

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POP HLTH 644 is for students planning to participate in the Uganda, Thailand, or Ecuador faculty-led field courses and includes site-specific course work. *Eligibility for enrollment in POP HLTH 644 is contingent upon acceptance into one of the POP HLTH 645 field courses (see below).*

GLOBAL HEALTH FIELD EXPERIENCE

(1-6 credits in total; 1 credit counts toward certificate requirements)

A global health field course/experience is an academic credit-based learning experience in a setting relevant to global health. Field courses/experiences 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); 1 week of on-site learning is equivalent to 1 credit. **(Please note that only one field experience credit counts toward Certificate requirements; additional field course credits earned cannot be applied to the elective requirements.)**

Students may elect to do: a **faculty-led interdisciplinary group field course** administered by the UW-Madison Office of International Academic Programs (IAP) or they may choose to design an **independent field experience** at the site of their choice, with approval of an academic advisor and the Certificate Program Director. Field experiences usually take place in a country outside the United States, but may also be carried out in the U.S., working with international/underserved populations and 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 non-governmental organizations.

Field experience requirements:

For POP HLTH 645 **faculty-led group courses (Thailand, Uganda, Ecuador)**, students are required to take the related prerequisite campus-based course (POP HLTH 644 Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Global Health and Disease) and apply to participate in the field course through the campus-wide Office of International Academic Programs. (<https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu>) Upon satisfactory completion of the field course, students will receive credit for POP HLTH 645 .

For **independent 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. (This is prepared as an assignment in POP HLTH 640 Foundations in Global Health Practice.) 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 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; and,
- A reference-cited, academic paper/project report.

Students completing an **independent field experience** will also need to submit a site evaluation.

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.