GLOBAL HEALTH PRACTICE, CERTIFICATE

OVERVIEW

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROGRAM CAN ONLY BE COMPLETED VIA FULLY ONLINE COURSES.

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health offers fully online, part-time master's degree and certificate programs, designed for working professionals. Our Online Programs for Applied Learning (https://www.jhsph.edu/academics/online-programs-and-learning/online-programs-for-applied-learning/) (OPAL) focus on emergent industry sectors that have a resounding need for highly skilled professionals, with one of these sectors being Global Health. Our certificate program in Global Health Practice is geared towards early-to mid-career health professionals in the public, private, and NGO sectors. The certificate program will provide students with an overview of the basic components of global or international health, including health systems, health information, epidemiology/disease control, maternal and child health, and social, cultural, and behavioral factors in health and disease. This innovative program prepares students from diverse personal and professional backgrounds to organize, lead, and support effective global health practice initiatives across the globe.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Certificate program in Global Health Practice, the individual will acquire skills necessary to:

1. Apply capacity building processes to global health programming in low and middle-income countries;
2. Identify and collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders whose active participation is required for successful global health programming at the community, sub-national, national and regional levels;
3. Apply ethical reasoning to the policy and programming decisions needed for designing and implementing global health programs in low and middle-income countries;
4. Exhibit a health equity and social justice lens in the design and conduct of global health programs;
5. Apply appropriate management processes in the design, implementation and evaluation of global health programs;
6. Demonstrate social, cultural and political awareness of the context in which global health programming takes place;
7. Conduct strategic analysis of factors that influence the success of global health programming.

LinkedIn® Group

We have established a LinkedIn® group for each of the OPAL program areas in order to strengthen connections between current students, faculty, and alumni of OPAL programs, as well as to facilitate student-to-student peer networking.

Participation is voluntary, but we encourage you to join this professional networking community.


Additional Public Health Learning Resources

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center provides links to many of its online learning resources, as well as external resources, databases and public health organizations. These can be used to supplement learning on a particular topic, or provide background material. Many of these resources are available for free via their website (https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/mid-atlantic-public-health-training-center/training_events/online_training.html).

The Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins has many resources related to research, writing and documentation on their YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/c/WelchMedicalLibrary/).

The School has a number of research and practice related seminar series (https://publichealth.jhu.edu/academics/lecture-series/) that occur throughout the year and contribute to the intellectual community of the School, for students, staff, and faculty. The Bloomberg School has a website (https://publichealth.jhu.edu/practice/resources-for-practitioners/) that provides some additional resources for practitioners as well.

Practitioners can also access dozens of courses from Bloomberg School faculty on Coursera (https://www.coursera.org/jhu/). Practice-focused offerings include courses on topics such as gun violence, food systems, health equity, biostatistics, and epidemiology, among others.

Admissions

Contact information and complete information about applying to this certificate program can be found on the certificate program page (https://publichealth.jhu.edu/academics/global-health-practice-certificate-program/) on the Bloomberg School of Public Health website.

Program Requirements

Students should follow the plan outlined below if they wish to complete the Certificate program in one year. This plan will also allow students to maintain minimum credits needed for financial aid eligibility each term, and to follow any prerequisite sequencing. Courses can be taken at a slower pace if needed, so long as course prerequisites are met.

The certificate program requires a minimum of 20 term credits and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75. Students must earn a minimum grade on a set of required program-specific core courses: “Pass” for courses offered only on a pass/fail basis; “C” or higher for courses offered for letter grading. The certificate program length is flexible; it can be completed in as little as one year, and must be completed within three years.

Course of Study

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Second Term

PH.604.621  Design and Planning of Primary Health Care Projects  4

Credits  4

Third Term

PH.604.604  Global Epidemiology Policies and Programs  3

Students may complete 600.701 or 607.735

PH.600.701 or PH.607.735  Introduction to Epidemiology or Planning Training and Learning Programs for Community Health Workers  4

Credits  7

Fourth Term

PH.604.771  Social & Cultural Basis for Community and Primary Health Programs (Social and Cultural Basis for Community and Primary Health Programs)  3

Credits  3

Total Credits  20

Notification of Certificate Program Completion

Students in OPAL certificate programs must complete and submit the Notification of Certificate Program Completion form to the OPAL program office before the end of the add/drop period of the term of your last certificate course; certificate program completions cannot be processed retroactively. If the deadline is missed, the certificate completion will be processed for the next available term.

For MAS students who did not apply to a certificate but will be completing as part of their degree, they can either apply for completion once the certificate courses are successfully completed, or at the end of their degree program. The certificate cannot be granted or included in the transcript until the form is submitted and verified by the certificate program.

It is preferable to complete the form electronically. Send the completed form to the OPAL program office as an email attachment. Certificates will be ordered for students approximately one month after the end of the term in the summer, spring, and fall. A template form for each of the OPAL certificates can be found in the Online Library of the OPAL Student Resources CoursePlus site. The blank form can be found on the School’s website as well. Please send the completed Notification form to OPAL-Office@jhu.edu by the deadline noted above. Be sure to complete all personal information on the first page, and the year, term and grade for all completed courses. If needed, we can update the pending grades when they are submitted at the end of the term.