MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

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Overview:
master of public health in the field of global health policy (GHP) addresses health challenges of interdependent nations, regions and sectors with multiple cultures, development, capacities and coexistent values. GHP is the area of public health concerned with decisions that translate evidence and political will into authoritative public agreement and intervention. GHP focuses on global and national health systems, including medical care and the public health services. GHP is concerned with the allocation of resources across countries and organizations, and on implementation of programs for solutions to achieve health goals. It considers institutions, authority, organizations, roles of people within such structures, and service arrangements within diverse national and local health systems.

Mission
The mission of the global health policy program is to prepare professionals to assist in public health decision making related to national, regional and worldwide interventions and institutions; to support policy analysis and utilize diverse analytic tools including epidemiology and international comparative policy methods paying particular attention to culture and equity.

These leaders integrate scientific knowledge and global evidence to advise decision making and action by diverse global health systems and other sectors to provide insight on policies and processes that impact population health all with an emphasis on underserved populations and development.

Goals
The goals of the Global Health Policy Program are to prepare students to be policy analysts, designers and implementers who know how to:

- Assess the burden and determinants of health problems, their social distribution and inequities, and the interdependence of countries.
- Apply common economic, epidemiological, and comparative policy analysis methods and tools for evidence to assess burden of disease, determining efficacy and effectiveness of interventions for global infectious and chronic disease control.
- Use global evidence for local action using systematic reviews and local facts to drive well informed health policy decisions. Translate evidence to support program and health systems policy recommendations.
- Work with other disciplines and with sectors beyond health to develop innovative policy options.
- Develop strong cultural sensitivity and intercultural competency within diverse health and political systems.
- Act in global health diplomacy in policy-shaping and negotiations to improve health while strengthening relations among nations.
- Assume leadership roles in the global health policy development process.
- Work with methodological rigor in international policy design, program priority setting and negotiation.
- Communicate the results of research to a culturally broad set of constituents.

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

Visit the program website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/global-health-policy-mph) for additional program information.

**REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits, including 12 credits in core courses, 24 credits in program-specific courses, 5 credits in elective courses, a 2-credit practicum, and a 2-credit culminating experience.

**Program Requirements**

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PUBH 6416  Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs
PUBH 6417  Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice
PUBH 6440  Global Health Economics and Finance
PUBH 6441  Global Health Organizations and Regulations
PUBH 6442  Comparative Global Health Systems
PUBH 6450  Global Health Diplomacy
HSML 6203  Introduction to Health Management

**Electives**

5 elective credits, including 3 credits from the following courses and 2 credits in courses selected in consultation with the advisor.

PUBH 6262  Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
PUBH 6411  Global Health Qualitative Research Methods
PUBH 6480  Public Health in Humanitarian Settings
PUBH 6488  Cost-effectiveness Analysis in Public Health and Health Care
PUBH 6320  Advanced Health Policy Analysis
PUBH 6430  Theories for Global Health Communication Interventions
PUBH 6435  Global Health Program Development and Implementation
PUBH 6437  Global Health Program Evaluation
PUBH 6486  Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Infectious Diseases
PUBH 6492  Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Chronic Diseases
PUBH 6482  International Food and Nutrition Policy
PUBH 6575  Communication Skills for Public Health Professionals
PPPA 6062  Community Development Policy and Management
PPPA 6056  Regulatory Comment Clinic
IAFF 6502  Professional Skills I
IAFF 6503  Professional Skills II
IAFF 6198  Special Topics in International Trade and Investment Policy
IAFF 6158  Special Topics in International Science and Technology Policy
IAFF 6138  Special Topics in International Development Studies

**Practicum and culminating experience**

PUBH 6014  Practicum
PUBH 6015  Culminating Experience

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Graduate credit requirement: 45 graduate credits.
2. Course requirements: Successful completion of core and program-specific courses.
3. Minimum grade-point requirement: 3.0 (B average) overall grade-point average.
4. Time limit requirement: The degree must be completed within four years.
5. Transfer credit policy: Up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to a previous graduate degree may be transferred to the Master of Public Health program. External credits must have been earned from an accredited institution in the last three years with a minimum grade (or grade-point average) of B (3.0) or above. SPH graduate certificate students can transfer as many credits as meet program requirements—up to 18 credits—to the MPH degree. Graduate certificate students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so via the online change of concentration petition after completion of three or more courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A grade of B or above is required for a course to be eligible for transfer.