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 and 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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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.