

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Department of Global Health offers the following Certificate Programs:

- **Disaster Management (15 credits)**

This certificate will enhance the knowledge and skills of public health professionals, as well as other disaster management personnel, in the management, preparedness, response, and recovery from natural and man-made disasters. The certificate design engages the student in critical thinking, managerial and leadership skills for work with international refugees and displaced populations. This certificate is entirely web based.

- **Infection Control (12 credits)**

This certificate enhances the knowledge base of health professionals engaged as infection control practitioners. The design of the certificate encourages critical thinking skills that build competency and managerial skills. Students will be prepared to sit for the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC) examination.

- **Humanitarian Assistance (12 credits)**

This certificate is intended for public health professionals, as well as other humanitarian aid providers, who are interested in enhancing their knowledge of the foundations and principles of humanitarian assistance, while providing mechanisms for putting that knowledge into practice. This certificate is designed to supplement and enhance the work experience of professionals who are serving those affected by humanitarian emergencies, either in the United States or abroad. The Certificate aims to engage students in critical thinking skills, enabling them to help develop more effective aid delivery systems. The Certificate is also intended to enhance the leadership and management skills for public health professionals working with populations in need of humanitarian assistance, particularly international refugees and displaced populations. The curriculum is interdisciplinary in nature and scope.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

- Bio-terrorism
- SARS
- West Nile Virus
- Malaria
- Dengue
- HIV / AIDS
- Antibiotic Resistance
- Food Safety

## FACULTY RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- India
- Venezuela
- Belize
- Honduras
- Malaysia
- Panama



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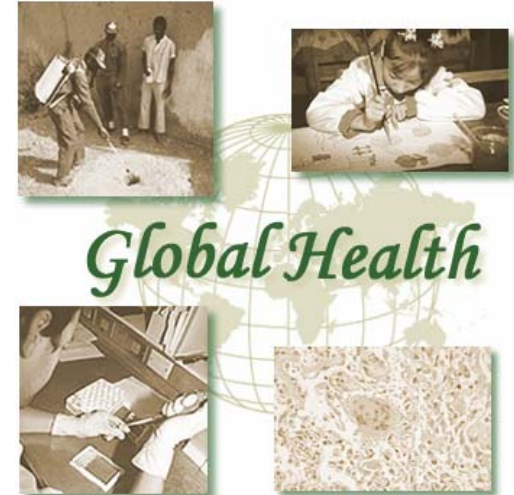
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to the Department of Global Health. The department will focus on providing educational opportunities for those interested in global health challenges and emerging infectious diseases worldwide that have serious transnational impact. The program will prepare students for careers in governmental agencies such as the CDC, EPA, USAID; non-governmental organizations such as the Helen Keller International and Save the Children Fund; state health department; immigrant and migrant health services; philanthropic foundations; research institutions and professional schools in the biomedical field. Foreign graduates would qualify for position when they return to their home countries in the ministries of health, governmental and non-governmental health agencies, and academia.

The two tracks in the department are: 1) the concentration in **Global Health Practice** and 2) the concentration in **Global Communicable Disease**. The Global Health concentration awards the MPH degree, and the Global Communicable Disease concentration awards the MPH, MSPH, and Ph.D. degrees.



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## GLOBAL HEALTH PRACTICE CONCENTRATION

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- **MPH** (39 credits plus Field Experience)

This program will prepare students to obtain a professional position in the field of international public health, such as with international, bilateral, governmental and non-governmental agencies. The curriculum focuses on assessment and intervention strategies useful in resolving health problems of primarily undeveloped countries.

### INTERNATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

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Required for students in the Global Health Practice concentration but not mandatory for those in the Global Communicable Disease concentration. The department will arrange for field sites overseas such as Belize, India, Venezuela and Panama.

### PEACE CORPS

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Students who choose to combine this program with the Peace Corps Master's International program will be able to obtain a long-term field placement experience that will enhance their marketability for employment.

The concentration in Global Health Practice is associated with the Masters International Peace Corps Program. This program offers U.S. students the opportunity to complete their Field Experience and Special Project during Peace Corps service, a commitment of an additional two years. As a special incentive, the College will waive tuition for the 9 credits involved.

## GLOBAL COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONCENTRATION

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- **MPH** (40 credits plus Field Experience)

The MPH program provides an opportunity for science-oriented students with an interest in communicable diseases to receive specialized training in the recognition, identification, diagnosis, surveillance, control, and prevention of public health problems related to communicable diseases throughout the world, with particular emphasis on the problems of Florida and underdeveloped nations.

- **MSPH** (42 credits)

The MSPH program provides an intense research and technical program of study for science-oriented students with an interest in communicable diseases. Individualized courses of study are determined for students with the cooperation of an advisory committee, which allows students to receive specialized training in the recognition, identification, diagnosis, surveillance, control, and prevention of public health problems related to communicable diseases. This degree program focuses on preparing students to fulfill leadership and research roles in solving or containing public health problems in communicable disease throughout the world with particular emphasis on the problems of Florida and underdeveloped nations. Preference for admission is given to students with a background or demonstrated skills in the biological sciences.

- **Ph.D.** (90 credits)

The PhD program is designed to develop specialists in specific areas of communicable diseases. Graduates of the doctoral program will be qualified to conduct fundamental and applied research in identification, evaluation and prevention of public health problems related to communicable diseases. The Department offers a distinguished teaching and research program which provides a sound basis for doctoral study.