

University of South Florida, College of Public Health
Department of Global Health

MPH: Global Disaster Management and Humanitarian Relief

The field of disaster management and humanitarian relief plays an important role in global health, especially in areas of armed conflict and natural disasters. With the increase in weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear and biological threats from terrorist groups and radical states, the need for formal training and education has increased. Local and international organizations, governments and United Nation agencies are in need of highly trained professionals to manage and direct programs to reduce the global public health threats that continue to plague us. Where and when the next tsunami or earthquake will strike, or how the next terrorist group will respond is unknown. But the logic behind professionally mitigating and preparing for one of these incidences places us in a stronger position to respond.

This concentration builds on the existing framework of the College of Public Health core courses, field experience and special project. Combining this framework with the existing disaster management and humanitarian courses will provide graduates with the ability to recognize, assess, implement and evaluate a global or local disaster.

Competencies: In addition to the overall **Master of Public Health** degree competencies, graduates with a concentration in *Global Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance* will:

1. Describe the disaster cycle.
2. Understand the role of the local, state and federal government in the recovery process.
3. Discuss the shift from disaster management practices towards an integrated disaster risk reduction approach in the context of sustainable development.
4. Understand at least two methods of assessment for specific emergency situations in the field.
5. Develop, implement, and monitor adequacy of services provided to affected populations.
6. Articulate the historic and evolving role of humanitarian assistance.
7. Conduct a critical analysis of early warning systems.
8. Apply environmental health principles to establish a safe water supply and to implement sanitary measures.
9. Prepare and implement a plan to integrate displaced persons into the local community.
10. Know basic leadership skills to overcome challenges in humanitarian assistance;

College of Public Health – Program Curriculum Check Sheet

Name: _____ Dept: **GLO**
 Advisor: _____ Degree: **MPH**
 Semester/Year Accepted: _____ Concentration: **Glo Disaster and Relief**

Grades below a C (C- to F) are required to be retaken & will be included in the student's GPA.

College Core Courses			Total Needed	15	Grade	suggested
PHC	6000	Epidemiology I	3			Fall 1
PHC	6050	Biostatistics I	3			Fall 1
PHC	6102	Principles of Health Policy and Management	3			Spring 1
PHC	6357	Environmental and Occupational Health	3			Spring 1
PHC	6410	Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health	3			Summer 1
Global Disaster and Relief Required Courses			Total Needed	24		
PHC	6230	Foundations of Humanitarian Assistance	3			Fall 1
PHC	6231	Organizing Emergency Humanitarian Action	3			Fall 1
PHC	6232	From Emergency to Development and Prevention	3			Spring 1
PHC	6233	Current Challenges in the Humanitarian Field	3			Spring 1
PHC	6183	Overview of US & International Disaster Management	3			Fall 2
PHC	6185	Disaster Preparedness & Planning Concepts	3			Fall 2
PHC	6184	Disaster Recovery	3			Spring 2
PHC	6186	Public Health Emergencies in Large Populations	3			Spring 2
Culminating Experience			Total Needed	9 to 12		
PHC	6936	Public Health Capstone Course	3			Fall 2
PHC	6945	Supervised Field Experience	3 to 6			Spring 2
PHC	6977	Special Project	3			Fall 2
			Total Hours:	48 to 51		GPA:
			Total Hours attempted:			