

Proposal for a Certificate in Global Health
Division of Public Health

Institution Submitting Proposal: The University of Utah
College, School or Division affected: Department of Family and Preventive Medicine
Division of Public Health
Change Description: Proposal of Certificate in Global Health
Proposed Beginning Date: Fall Semester 2010

Institutional Signatures

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Re: Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Global Health beginning August 2010

Need

The Department of Family and Preventive Medicine is seeking permission to formally organize existing coursework to lead to a Graduate Certificate in Global Health (CIGH) beginning fall semester of 2010. This Certificate will be offered through the Division of Public Health and in the Office of Global Health. We recognize we are living in a very changing world where borders regarding health issues no longer exist. We see an example of this when we think of diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Diseases such as West Nile Virus that did not exist in the United States in the past are now common. The pandemic flu also threatens each day, including recent activity of the 2009 H1N1 strain. Such threats of existing diseases and many more that might come present a greater need for us to have people with expertise to handle any disease outbreaks both here and across the globe. The need for public health professionals with a global health emphasis has never been greater.

Over the years, our faculty and staff have worked with a number of partners in several countries such as Ghana and developed expertise to handle global health issues. Many of our incoming students are also interested in having a focus in global health issues. We currently receive requests from people who want to have formal training in global health who are pursuing graduate education in a variety of disciplines or who already hold already higher academic degrees. As a sponsor of this certificate program, the Division of Public Health, in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, is ready and capable to offer such training and respectfully request approval for a formal Certificate in Global Health.

Educational Objectives

Upon successful completion of course work leading to the CIGH, students will be prepared to:

1. Partner with other health professionals worldwide and tackle emerging global health issues.
2. Deal with health issues at home that have their origin from different countries of the world and ensure that our population here at home is protected with good health.
3. Learn from other health professionals across the world

Impact on Existing Programs

The CIGH will be an excellent educational experience complement to graduate students pursuing degrees in other disciplines across the Health Sciences and the Main Campus of the University of Utah. Many academic programs within and outside the School of Medicine are choosing to include rotations or practicum experiences in countries other than the United States. Such students will find our certificate program very beneficial as it will provide them with opportunities to learn skills necessary to be successful in their rotations or practicum overseas. Through the fieldwork requirement, students will gain hands on experience and research skills needed in a global health setting.

The certificate program will be administered through the existing academic structure of the Division of Public Health. It will require only minimal additional administrative effort; yet will provide formal graduate recognition for students completing the graduate curriculum in global health.

Courses

Successful completion of the CIGH will require a minimum of 16 credit hours. 10 credits will be required coursework and at least 5 credits of approved electives.

Required Courses (10 hours):

FP MD 6502 International Public Health Issues (3)

FP MD 6530 Global Health (3)

FP MD 6531 International Fieldwork in PH (4)

Approved Electives (minimum of 6 hours):

All electives may be taken in one discipline.

Students will select a minimum of two electives from the list below

FP MD 6520 HIV/AIDS and Public Health (3)

FP MD 6330 Introduction to Maternal and Child Health (3)

FP MD 6340 Infectious Disease Epidemiology (3)

FP MD 5520 A PH Perspective on Surgery in the Global Context (3)

ECON 6180 Poverty and Inequality (3)

ECON 6560 Gender and Economic Development in the Third World (3)

NURS 6561 International Health Care (2)

NURS 6580 Issues in Rural Health (2)

NUTR 5100 Advanced Pediatric and Adolescent Nutrition (3)

NUTR 5340 Nutrition and Women's Health (3)

NUTR 6220 Nutrition Policy: Domestic and Global (3)

HEDU 5060 International Health Promotion (3)

HEDU 6020 Body Image and Eating Disorders in Special Populations (3)

SOC 3653 Global Population Problems (3)

SOC 6657 World Population Policies and Problems (3)

SOC 7060 Seminar in Comparative Sociology (3)

SOC 7070 Seminar in Population and Health (3)

Assessment

The course work listed for this certificate is designed or will be slightly modified in some cases to meet the challenges of global health issues. Upon successful completion of course work, students will have skills necessary to achieve the objectives listed for this certificate.

Admissions

For consideration for acceptance into the certificate program, students must:

- be admitted to the University of Utah as either a matriculated or non-matriculated student
- meet with the Global Health Certificate academic advisor
- submit a letter of intent (500 word limit)

Minimum Grade

Candidates for graduate certificates are required to maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA in course work counted toward the certificate. A grade below *B-* is not accepted for credit toward a graduate certificate.

A final grade in a Global Health Certificate course below a *B-* is a failing grade in the Program. Failure means the student has not demonstrated competence in a discipline necessary for success within the Program. For these reasons, the following action is recommended:

1. Students who receive a grade lower than a *B-* are on probation. The student will be notified in writing that he or she is on Departmental probation.
2. These students will be allowed to retake the class 1 more time and they must pass the course or they will be automatically dismissed from the program.
3. A student who fails 1 required course will be given the opportunity to retake the course 1 more time. The student will be permitted to take other Program courses for which the required course is not a prerequisite. Students will not be permitted to accrue more than 15 hours before retaking the required course.
4. A student who fails 2 required courses will not be permitted to enroll in any further Program courses until he or she has retaken both courses and receives grades of *B-* or better.
5. If a student fails three or more required courses he or she will be dropped from the program.
6. Two grades lower than a *B-* in elective courses will be consideration for dismissal.

Actions arising from this policy may be appealed by the student using the appeals process outlined by the University of Utah – Appeals of Grades and Other Academic Actions.

Faculty

Stephen Alder, PhD	Family and Preventive Medicine
DeVon Hale, MD	Internal Medicine
Michael Magill, MD	Family and Preventive Medicine
Benjamin Crookston, PhD, MPH	Family and Preventive Medicine
Peter de Schweinitz, MD	Family and Preventive Medicine
Ty Dickerson, MD, MPH	Pediatrics
Fred Gottlieb, MD	Family and Preventive Medicine
Jessica Greenwood, MD, MSPH	Family and Preventive Medicine
Hripsime Wright, MD, MPH	Family and Preventive Medicine
Donald Pederson, PhD, PA-C	Family and Preventive Medicine
David Morton, PhD	Anatomy and Neurobiology
Jeffrey Peters, MD, PhD	Anesthesiology
David Renner, MD	Neurology
Mark Harris, MBChB	Anesthesiology
Nadia Miniclier, PA-C, MS	Family and Preventive Medicine
Jennifer Coombs, PA-C, MS	Family and Preventive Medicine
Geoffrey Tabin, MD	Ophthalmology
Alan Crandall, MD	Ophthalmology
Catherine deVries, MD	Surgery
Raymond Price, MD, FACS	Surgery

In addition to the names of the faculty members listed who will teach the courses, our division has a growing wealth of partners who are very knowledgeable in global health issues and will serve as mentors. The wealth of partnerships will provide certificate students with opportunities of easily available global health projects.

Coordinators:

Courtney DeMond, BS

Advisory Committee:

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Budget:

The CIGH will not require any additional budget since the department has existing faculty and courses in place.