



The MS in global health incorporates epidemiology and biostatistics, region-based nutrition, cross-cultural perspectives in mental health issues, community health assessment, program evaluation, human resource concerns, international health systems and organizations, refugee and internally displaced people health issues, and international health research. Practicum or thesis options allow students to explore *in situ* current dilemmas, demands, and health services with a global focus and perspective.

Graduates of the program develop the knowledge base and skills to work and conduct research within the global health environment. Through course work and experiential learning, students are prepared to work in the diverse cultural and multidisciplinary environments inherent to global health. Students learn the fundamentals of global public health, including epidemiology, environmental health, global health policies, and sociocultural influences on health and behavior. Students also are trained on how to collaborate among nonprofit, governmental, and business sectors. Graduates may pursue careers in a variety of international health organizations or may choose to pursue a research pathway and continue toward a terminal degree.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the program requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the last 60 credits. Undergraduate courses in statistics, anthropology or sociology, and natural sciences are helpful. In addition, at least 6 credits of a foreign language or equivalent are prerequisites for students who are not fluent in a second language.

Application Deadline

Application deadlines for the MS in global health are April 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for spring. Application materials are available at <http://admissions.gmu.edu/grad>.

The Department of Global and Community Health hosts information sessions on a regular basis for those interested in our academic programs. Visit the college website for details.

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Program of Study

Students must complete 42 credits of graduate course work, including either a practicum or thesis option. A graduate course in which a grade of C or below is earned may be repeated only once. Graduate students may repeat no more than two courses. Students must achieve a 3.00 GPA to graduate.

Required Core Courses	27
COMM 620 Health Communication	3
GCH 530 Nutrition: A Global Perspective	3
GCH 543 Global Health: Trends and Policies	3
GCH 560 Environmental Health	3
GCH 590 International Health Organizations	3
GCH 601 Introduction to Biostatistics	3
GCH 680 International Research Ethics and Methods	3
GCH 712 Introduction to Epidemiology	3
HAP 621 Management of Health Service Organizations	3
HAP 680 Applied Public Health Leadership and Management	3
Practicum or Thesis Option	6
<i>Practicum option:</i>	
GCH 798 Practicum in Public Health I	3
GCH 799 Practicum in Public Health II	3
<i>Thesis option:</i>	
GCH 788 Public Health Research I	3
GCH 789 Public Health Research II	3
Electives	9
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
ANTH 631 Refugees in the Contemporary World	3
COMM 506 Communication in International Organizations	3
COMM 656 Global Communication	3
EOS 704 Spatial Analysis and Models of Populations	3
GCH 502 U.S. Role in Global Health, Nutrition, and Population	3
GCH 602 Global Health Issues Related to Violence	3
GCH 605 Social Epidemiology	3
GCH 722 Infectious Disease Epidemiology	3
GCH 726 Advanced Seminar in Epidemiology	3
GCH 583 Food and Culture: Biocultural Perspectives on Food and Nutrition	3
GEOG 540 Medical Geography	3
GOVT 641 Seminar on Global Systems	3
HAP 609 Comparative International Health Systems	3
PUAD 636 The NGO: Policy and Management	3
PUBP 757 Public Policy in Global Health and Medical Practice	3
PUBP 758 Global Threats and Medical Policies	3
TOTAL	42

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