Global health is a field of study, research and practice that places a priority on achieving equity in health for all people.

Global health emphasizes transnational health issues, determinants, and solutions; involves many disciplines within and beyond the health sciences and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration; and is a synthesis of population-based prevention with individual-level clinical care.

(Lancet, 2009)
Application

At the time of application, students will be asked to indicate preliminary plans for completion of coursework and field research requirements. Students can apply as early as their first semester at Duke and must apply at least one calendar year prior to their anticipated graduation date.

Learn more about the process and complete the online application at: globalhealth.duke.edu/doctoral-certificate

Who can apply?

The Global Health Doctoral Certificate is available to all students interested in global health who are eager to expand their knowledge of the field, and who are currently pursuing a Ph.D. through the Graduate School at Duke University.

Overview

The Global Health Doctoral Certificate provides an opportunity for doctoral students from across Duke University to engage in the field of global health through a combination of coursework, research-related field experience, and engagement with peers and faculty.

HOW WILL THIS EXPERIENCE BENEFIT YOU?

Learn to work in multidisciplinary teams to solve complex global challenges. The skills of collaboration, effective approaches to research and experiences in the field apply to any discipline, and can set you apart from your peers.

For more information and to apply, visit: globalhealth.duke.edu/doctoral-certificate

Requirements

Students are required to complete coursework, field research, and ethics training.

COURSEWORK

• GLHLTH 701 - Global Health Challenges
• One research methods course (from a menu)
• One elective (from a menu)
• GLHLTH 870S - Doctoral seminar

GLOBAL HEALTH ETHICS | Seminars, workshops, and small group discussions will complement Responsible Conduct of Research training and prepare students for field research.

FIELDWORK | The goal of the field research requirement is to give students an in-depth understanding of the multiple contexts of health in underserved populations and allow them to apply interdisciplinary knowledge and methodology.

Field research must be approved in advance by the DGHI Director of Doctoral Studies. At least four weeks or 160 hours is required, though longer experiences are encouraged.

Examples include:

• Faculty-mentored field research
• Internship or practicum related to global health with a DGHI partner, an NGO or other approved organization

DGHI anticipates offering competitive grants every year, of up to $5,000 each, to support student field research.