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**West Chester University of Pennsylvania
 Certificate in Global Health
 Advising Sheet**

Globalization has made it necessary for society to think about health from a global perspective, considering social, economic, and political impact. The Certificate in Global Health prepares students with the knowledge and skills necessary to apply a global lens to domestic work and/or conduct international work, by focusing on topics such as population distribution of health conditions; environmental and social determinants of health; health disparities, comparative health systems and policies; maternal, child, and adolescent health; development and implementation of global health programs, and global health partnerships.

Requirements: A total of 12 credit hours (four 3-credit hour courses) is required for the certificate program: Three credit hours in a required core and nine credit hours as electives from a list of approved courses. Students must earn a minimum grade of C in each certificate course and a minimum certificate completion GPA of 2.5 for the 4 certificate courses.

Modality: 100% Online, Hybrid, or Face-to-Face

Timeline: 1-2 years

Eligibility:

- ◆ Current WCU undergraduate student (any major) with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above or
- ◆ Non-degree seeking student who meets the minimum [university admission requirements](#) and must follow [university terms and conditions for non-degree students](#).

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH CORE COURSE + MAJOR REQUIRED ELECTIVES = 12 credits

All Certificate in Global Health courses (required core AND electives) must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Students must earn a minimum grade of C in each certificate course and a minimum certificate completion GPA of 2.5. Substitutions for courses must be specifically approved by the Program Director.

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH CORE COURSE (3 CREDITS)

Certificate in Global Health Core Requirements				
Course	Credits	Semester	Year	Grade (Minimum = C)
HEA 200: Introduction to Global Health (Online or Face-to-Face)*	3			

*Typically offered in fall, spring, winter, and summer. No pre-requisite is required.

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH REQUIRED ELECTIVES - 9 credits+

Certificate in Global Health Electives (Selected with advisement)				
Course	Credits	Semester	Year	Grade (Minimum = C)
	3			
	3			
	3			

*Select at least 3 elective courses from the list below that will total the 9 elective credits

List of Approved Certificate in Global Health Electives*

Course Number	Course Name (and GenEd designation)	Modality	Credits	Semester Typically Offered	Pre-requisites
HEA 109	Health Issues of Women (J)	Online or Face-to-Face	3	Fall, spring, winter, and summer	-
GST 110	Introduction to Global Studies (I)	Online or Face-to-Face	3	Fall, spring, winter, and summer	-
ANT/NTD 277	Sustainable Food Systems	Face-to-Face	3	Fall and spring	-
NTD 304	Global Nutrition	Online or Face-to-Face	3	Fall and summer	-
ANT 314	Biocultural Perspectives on Food and Nutrition	Online or Face-to-Face	3	Fall and spring	ANT 101 or ANT 102
HEA 348	Population Health	Online or Face-to-Face	3	Fall, winter, and spring	HEA 242
NSG 382	Global Topics in Health Care Delivery: Women, Infants, and Children in South Africa	Face-to-Face	3	Spring	NSG 212 and NSL 212
NTD 455	Nutrition Assessment, Education and Service in Honduras	Face-to-Face	3	Spring	NTD 303

*Additional elective courses not listed in this table may be available – contact the Program Director for more information.

More Information

- Individuals interested in the certificate program should contact the Certificate in Global Health Program Director Dr. Chiwoneso Tinago (Email: ctinago@wcupa.edu; Phone: 610-436-2776).

ADVISING TIPS

Recommended Course Rotations: It is recommended that you begin the Certificate in Global Health course rotation with HEA 200: Introduction to Global Health. On the next page you will find several tables with the recommended course sequencing.

Certificate in Global Health Informational D2L Site: All Certificate in Global Health students will have access to information on certificate related information e.g., advising sheet, handbook, etc. on the certificate D2L site. Certificate in Global Health announcements will also be posted via this site.

Attend Advising Sessions: Group and individual advising sessions will be hosted each fall and spring semester by the Certificate in Global Health Program Director Dr. Chiwoneso Tinago (ctinago@wcupa.edu).

Earn a Certificate Completion GPA of at least 2.5: Students may earn a C or better in individual certificate courses; however, they must earn a certificate completion GPA of at least 2.5 for all certificate courses. Please see the Certificate in Global Health Program Student Handbook for detailed information on policies & procedures.

Check your WCU email: Regularly check your WCU email for program and course updates, including global health opportunities and professional development events.

Reach Out and Seek Support: The Certificate in Global Health program faculty & staff and campus community are here to support you. In general, the chain of asking questions includes: (1) Course instructor, (2) Certificate in Global Health Program Director Dr. Chiwoneso Tinago (ctinago@wcupa.edu).

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH COURSE ROTATION EXAMPLES

FALL START

1-YEAR (Full-time)			
Year	FALL1	SPRING1	Winter or Summer*
Y1	HEA 200 Introduction to Global Health	Elective	
	Elective	Elective	

*Courses can also be taken in winter and summer semesters depending on availability

SPRING START

1-YEAR (Full-time)			
Year	SPRING1	FALL1	Winter or Summer*
Y1	HEA 200 Introduction to Global Health	Elective	
	Elective	Elective	

*Courses can also be taken in winter and summer semesters depending on availability

FALL START

2-YEAR (Part-time)			
Year	FALL1	SPRING1	Winter or Summer*
Y1	HEA 200 Introduction to Global Health	Elective	
Y2	FALL2	SPRING2	
	Elective	Elective	

*Courses can also be taken in winter and summer semesters depending on availability

SPRING START

2-YEAR (Part-time)			
Year	SPRING1	FALL1	Winter or Summer*
Y1	HEA 200 Introduction to Global Health	Elective	
Y2	SPRING2	FALL2	
	Elective	Elective	

*Courses can also be taken in winter and summer semesters depending on availability