Global Health

Develop the expertise needed to drive change and make positive impacts in underserved communities worldwide
Take your healthcare career to entirely new places.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Northwestern University School of Professional Studies offers the only online master’s in global health to give professionals the knowledge and credentials to drive change and make positive impacts in underserved communities worldwide.

Nearly 40 infectious diseases (such as AIDS and Ebola) have emerged since 1973. And non-communicable diseases that were once suppressed, like malaria and tuberculosis, are again on the rise.* Faster and more fluid movement of people means serious health threats often cross national borders, and rapidly expanding patient populations in low and middle-income countries are creating new healthcare markets and driving demand for exported technologies and knowledge.

The Master’s in Global Health is offered in partnership with Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine’s Center for Global Health, aims to prepare the next generation of leaders for emerging global issues. The center draws from the University’s renowned medical specialists and researchers to address global health issues through innovative teaching, pioneering research and advanced clinical care. Students benefit from access to a top-ranked academic medical center and dedicated center of expertise.

Because the degree can be completed part time and entirely online, students anywhere can access a program of this caliber while maintaining their personal and professional commitments.

The program is designed for clinicians, researchers, epidemiologists, nonprofit administrators, policy analysts, social entrepreneurs and others who make a meaningful difference in healthcare access and outcomes in the places where it’s needed most.

Current students should refer to curriculum requirements in place at time of entry into the program.

Given the vast range of topics that fall under the umbrella of global health, this curriculum has been shaped by input from faculty and other experts across Northwestern University.

Students are required to complete 12 courses. The courses cover diverse topics, from foundational global health concepts, policy, systems and ethics, to grant writing, research, business strategy. Students are required to complete a course in leadership that equips students with the fundamental skills in effective leadership, communication, innovation and change management. Students will also complete a Practicum project, either independently or as part of a team.

**PROGRAM GOALS**
An interdisciplinary professional program, MSGH graduates will possess the knowledge, skills and aptitude to:

- Work effectively in a health-related industry within resource-limited settings
- Contribute to the improvement of health outcomes and systems within low and middle-income countries
- Evaluate and measure health outcomes
- Secure grants to fund global health initiatives
- Evaluate and navigate the cultural and ethical considerations inherent in global health contexts

**CORE COURSES** (**9**)
- MSGH 405 Foundations of Global Health
- MSGH 408 Biostatistics and Epidemiology
- MSGH 410 Research Methods
- MSGH 417 Global Health Systems
- MSGH 419 Global Bioethics
- MSGH 421 Globalization and Public Policy
- MSGH 427 Grant Writing and Fundraising
- LEADERS 481 Foundation of Leadership
- MSGH 580 Practicum Course

**PRACTICUM**
All students in the MSGH program are required to engage in at least four weeks of non-clinical work in a health delivery setting, which may include rotations abroad, working remotely on projects abroad, or working in your own community on “glocal” projects. Practical fieldwork experience is considered a valuable complement to the program curriculum, earning students academic credit in the Practicum course, which is overseen by MSGH faculty. The practicum is constructed so that students are not simply observers but are able to add value to our global partners work via the skills gained through the MSGH program.

Northwestern partners with Child Family Health International, offering global health education programs throughout the world, in nations such as Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, India, Mexico, South Africa and Uganda.

**ELECTIVE OPTIONS** (**CHOOSE 3 COURSES**)
- MSGH 450 Global Health Initiatives
- MSGH 452 Global Nutrition
- MSGH 456 Access to Health and Medicines
- MSGH 458 Global Health and Technology

**LEADERSHIP COURSE** (**1 COURSE**)
Presents leadership behaviors that enable professional success, focusing on definitions of leadership, the importance of leadership, leadership styles, the role of vision and integrity, the importance of giving and receiving feedback, how to lead change and solve problems, effective teamwork, and communication strategies.

Visit [sps.northwestern.edu/globalhealth](http://sps.northwestern.edu/globalhealth) for course descriptions, schedule information and faculty bios.

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For application assistance call 312-503-2579 or email [msgh@northwestern.edu](mailto:msgh@northwestern.edu).
Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. A competitive undergraduate record that indicates strong academic ability is required, though applicants need not have extensive academic experience in global health or related fields. Work or research experience in the field of study is desirable but not necessarily a requirement.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Online application — sps.northwestern.edu/apply
- $75 nonrefundable application fee
- One sealed copy of official transcripts from ALL attended colleges and universities
- Official transcripts must arrive in our office in the original sealed envelope issued by the institution. Northwestern University School of Professional Studies accepts electronic transcripts from U.S. institutions via secure electronic transcript providers. Consult with your institution to see if they are part of a secure e-delivery network. All electronic transcripts should be sent to spsadmissions@northwestern.edu. Please note transcripts are not accepted by fax or personal email.
- Applicants with international transcripts must request an official course-by-course evaluation of transcripts from a NACES member such as WES or ECE. A course-by-course evaluation will translate courses, degrees and grades to U.S. equivalency.
- Two letters of recommendation focusing on academic and professional achievement and ability
- Statement of purpose (see following)
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- Documentation of English proficiency for students whose first language is not English

TUITION

- 2017–18 tuition per course: $3,181
  Technology fee per course: $120
- Estimated cost for entire program: $39,612

Statement of Purpose

Applicants must submit a 500-750 word required statement of purpose explaining how the degree program will help them meet their academic and professional goals. Applicants without previous education or training in global health or a related field should explain how other academic and nonacademic experiences have equipped them to undertake graduate study in the program.

The following considerations will guide the Admissions Committee in reviewing your application:

- The Statement of Purpose demonstrates if a student’s academic and professional goals are appropriate for this degree. This statement will also aid the committee in determining if the prospective student possesses the necessary writing skills and intellectual maturity for succeeding in this program.
- The Letters of Recommendation serve to underscore the applicant’s commitment to graduate education and ability to succeed in graduate level work.
- The résumé is used to provide evidence of a student’s continuing commitment to and/or understanding of the global health field. While we prefer candidates to possess 3–5 years of work and/or research experience in a related area, recent college graduates and career changers are also encouraged to apply. These applicants must demonstrate to the committee their commitment to the MSGH program by detailing previous internships, academic or volunteer work.

The Writing Sample (Optional)

The writing sample should demonstrate the ability to present ideas and arguments in a manner appropriate to a graduate-level program and should not exceed 10 pages in length.

If you submit an academic paper, it should be comprised of the following:

- A clearly articulated thesis on a relevant topic
- An argument that persuasively supports the thesis
- Documentation of quoted material and acknowledgement of ideas taken from the works of others using an accepted academic style

If you submit a work-related memo or analysis, it should be comprised of the following:

- A discussion of a policy, problem, or program of which you are the sole author
- A clear identification of the issue in need of attention
- An analysis of the issue and its importance to the organization
- Well-reasoned action options and your final recommendations
- Documentation of quoted material and acknowledgement of ideas taken from the works of others using an accepted academic style

If you submit an essay, it should be comprised of the following:

- Describe a critical policy issue facing a nation, state, or community
- Provide a summary of a course of action to address this issue as if you were serving in a leadership role
- Provide supporting justification for the action you are advocating and articulate the implications of your recommendations
- Documentation of quoted material and acknowledgement of ideas taken from the works of others using an accepted academic style
My education at SPS gave me more confidence because I now have a solid academic background reinforcing my personal field experiences. I had great virtual interactions with my classmates — some of them I met in person and even traveled to Mozambique with for a health project.”

Heidi Sampang (MSGH ’16) MD FAAP (Fellow American Academy of Pediatrics)

“We’ve built the (MSGH) faculty and curriculum to mirror the realities of working in the global health field. In practice, global health delivery requires working with people from different disciplines: people who work in business, administration, pharmaceuticals, physical therapy — pretty much every field you can think of.”

Ashti Doobay-Persaud, MD, MSGH faculty director
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