CROSS-CONTINENTAL MPH PROGRAM
1 Year
3 Continents
Infinite Networking Possibilities

Why a Cross-Continental Master of Public Health degree at the NYU College of Global Public Health? Public health professionals need to understand health issues that transcend borders and affect diverse populations around the globe. They must think and work beyond traditional boundaries to create systems-changing and lasting solutions for better health.
The C-C MPH program is ideal for those who are:

» Planning to attend medical or professional school and want a rigorous, one-year experience in global public health.

» Recent college graduates who want to quickly build up skill sets and gain resume-boosting international experience across three continents.

» Involved in the Peace Corps and other organizations that demand the skills a global public health degree offers.

If you want to enhance your knowledge base, gain hands-on experience while working closely in a small cohort, and expand your public health networks, then this flexible program is right for you.

Is the Cross-Continental MPH Program right for you?

Are you up for the challenge?

The C-C MPH is a fast-paced, small-group program that actively examines public health problems from diverse cultural, economic or political perspectives. The experience will be different for every student, but if the opportunity to tackle public health challenges in a global setting appeals to you, we encourage you to apply.
PROGRAM TRACKS
GPH’s globally immersive C-C MPH program lays a solid foundation for any public health professional.

The coursework provides students with a focus in Global Epidemiology or Social Epidemiology, and they may also choose electives from other concentrations such as Global Health, Public Health Policy and Management, Public Health Nutrition, Environmental Public Health Sciences, and more.

NYU GLOBAL PARTNERS
No university has a greater global presence or a more powerful commitment to being in and of the world.

NYU has an academic presence in countries including Ghana, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Argentina, China, and in Europe. Students will benefit from the University’s relationships with influential international organizations, such as HealthRight International, the United Nations, World Food Programme, and the World Health Organization.

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCES
Students gain boots-on-the-ground training and apply public health skills at NYU campuses and field sites around the world.

Through working with international and local organizations, they play an active part in implementing research projects and public health programs.
A common thread in my education has been migration, and I manage a network for people seeking immigration relief. *Learning about different migrant populations and how essential a multidisciplinary approach can be to address their needs was incredibly valuable* in giving me the background necessary for my current role.

**KATHERINE LA PUENTE**  
CAS ’16, GPH & Pre-Health double major  
MPH ’17, C-C MPH program  
HealthRight International Human Rights Clinic

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**EPIDEMIOLOGY COMPETENCIES**

All MPH students in their chosen track will master the following competencies and skills based on their curriculum and practice fieldwork:

1. Identify methods for measuring the distribution of determinants of health outcomes and well-being within and across populations.
2. Critically evaluate the application of epidemiologic methods to answer public health questions.
3. Identify data sources, manage large datasets, and conduct analyses using appropriate statistical software.
4. Synthesize the extant epidemiologic literature and identify its limitations and gaps.
5. Effectively communicate epidemiologic findings both orally and in writing.
6. Understand and apply principles of ethical conduct to epidemiological studies.
GLOBAL PROGRAM SITES

2019–2020
DC → BUENOS AIRES → MADRID
SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY FOCUS AND SPANISH IMMERSION

2020–2021
DC → ACCRA → FLORENCE
GLOBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY FOCUS

2021–2022
DC → BUENOS AIRES → MADRID
SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY FOCUS AND SPANISH IMMERSION

All students will return to NYC for Commencement following the conclusion of their studies.
The College of Global Public Health is excited to announce a new Spanish Immersion Cross-Continental program. The C-C MPH will now include NYU Buenos Aires and NYU Madrid, and alternate each year with NYU DC, NYU Accra and NYU Florence. This new track will focus on Social Epidemiology in Spanish-speaking countries.

GPH encourages students who are fluent in Spanish or have intermediate Spanish language skills and want to work in public health to apply! Students who are not fluent but still want to study Social Epidemiology in Spanish-speaking countries are encouraged to start taking language lessons now. A language assessment will be given after acceptance into the program, and students will be placed in Spanish language classes throughout the program to increase their skills.

The C-C MPH prepared me to be adaptable. It exposed me to a multitude of different living, working, and learning environments in one year, helping me to think on my feet, adapt to my surroundings, and understand what was needed at any time or place.

BROOKE WILES
MPH ’18, PhD CANDIDATE
WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE CROSS-CONTINENTAL MPH PROGRAM?

MENTORS AND THESIS
You’ll be introduced to your mentors after the start of the program to begin discussing your thesis proposal. Your mentors will work with you throughout the entire year to provide one-on-one, individualized guidance through the thesis process and help you frame your ideas into a proposal.

You’ll be given access to global datasets for analysis from GPH and University of Ghana faculty. By working closely with your mentors, you’ll learn to think critically about relevant public health questions. The anticipated outcome is a high-caliber final paper for publishing a peer-reviewed abstract.

PRACTICUMS
Program leadership will work with you to tailor your practicum plans to your unique needs and interests, and you’ll work with them and other faculty to determine the best opportunities for a successful learning experience.

After most of the MPH core courses are taken during the summer term, you’ll begin your practicum in either Accra, Ghana or in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where you’ll find opportunities at local agencies, global organizations, NGOs, or universities where NYU has long-standing collaborations.

CULTURAL IMMERSION
You’ll be given the opportunity to immerse yourself in the community and learn as much as possible about the people and their health challenges. The Cross-Continental experience is a deep dive into distinct cultures and environments. Beginning with extensive preparations focused on cultural competency, diversity, and inclusion, this training will continue throughout the year. You’re strongly encouraged to keep a journal for reflective writing throughout your experience.

When researchers and epidemiologists understand the culture and needs of the people they’re supporting, they work better with their communities to devise creative solutions to problems. Cultural immersion is critical for anyone who wants to make a difference in a global setting.
SAMPLE CROSS-CONTINENTAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

A complete listing of courses can be found online at publichealth.nyu.edu

46 CREDITS MINIMUM REQUIRED TO GRADUATE

SUMMER
- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Essentials of Public Health Biology
- Global Issues in Social Behavioral Health
- Health Care Policy
- Public Health Management & Leadership

FALL
- Global Environmental Public Health
- Thesis I: Practice and Integrative Learning Experiences and Community Assessment
- Research Methods in Public Health
- Intermediate Epidemiology

SPRING
- Thesis II: Practice and Integrative Learning Experiences
- Regression I: Linear Regression and Modeling
- Environmental Injustice: From Local to Global
- Epidemiological Design & Methods
- Migrant Health & Social Integration in the Mediterranean

Examples of electives offered:
- Global Non-Communicable Disease Epidemiology & Control
- Program Planning and Evaluation
- Data Utilization in Public Health Practice
- Perspectives in Global Mental Health
- Social Epidemiology
- Behavioral and Communication Strategies for Global Epidemics
- Nutrition Epidemiology in Public Health
- A Systems Approach to Food Access
- Detection and Control of Waterborne Pathogens
- Writing Grants and Funding Proposals for Health-Related Programs
- Migrant Health & Social Integration in the Mediterranean

This list is not inclusive of all GPH elective course offerings.

All MPH students are required to take the following non-credit online courses:
- Readings in the History and Philosophy of Public Health I
- Readings in the History and Philosophy of Public Health II
- Readings in the History and Philosophy of Public Health III
- Global Health Informatics Workshop

Students will choose at least three electives to take throughout the program. Some electives are offered online while others will be offered for a full semester, or can be taken in our January term (J-Term). Offerings vary each year and are dependent on location.

Bold denotes required core courses.
I chose the C-C MPH because its one-year, fully immersive program offered the tools, skills, and connections I needed for the cardiovascular prevention work I’m doing now. It was a unique experience to live, work, and connect with people in three countries, allowing me to build long-lasting, global relationships. I recommend this program to anyone who wants an adventure while learning, working, and building a global health social network.

Joel Birkemeier
MD, MPH ’18
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GPH ENABLES STUDENTS TO:

- Gain practical experience and training through field placements with influential international and local organizations.
- Get guidance from our partner, The NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development, one of the top career resource centers in the nation, and access to professional associations such as the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER).
- Benefit from being part of GPH’s growing alumni network around the world. Recent graduates have gone on to work with the Center for Global Health at Massachusetts General Hospital; Harvard Medical School—Brigham and Women’s Hospital; the Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience at Boston Children’s Hospital; the CDC Foundation; the UN Foundation; the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); and at HealthRight International. Other graduates have gone on to pursue medical degrees at Emory University and the University of Miami’s Miller School of Medicine, or are working toward a PhD at NYU GPH.

HOW TO APPLY

This program is highly selective due to its specialized nature. As it is both academically rigorous and globally focused, successful applicants must have outstanding academic experience and also demonstrate the necessary maturity, judgment, and cultural adaptability to succeed in diverse settings. The Cross-Continental MPH program follows an admission review process that is earlier than most programs and begins in the fall. Applicants may be invited to interview as part of the selection process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

For more on the application process, please visit the website: publichealth.nyu.edu/ccmph/apply

We encourage prospective students to explore our website and visit the New York City campus to meet students and faculty, and even sit in on a class. GPH is committed to helping you discover the right academic path in the field of global public health.

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