

**Yale School of Nursing
Global Health Concentration**

Rationale

The Global Health Concentration was developed to meet the increasingly important need to prepare YSN students to serve global populations both domestically and internationally as clinicians, educators, scholars, researchers and policy makers. Students will be exposed to a wide range of global health concepts through their interdisciplinary didactic experiences and through their global scholarly and clinical work.

Objectives

After completing the requirements for the global health concentration students will:

1. Describe the interplay of economic, social, environmental, cultural, and political factors in health and disease in global populations
2. Explain the need for interdisciplinary approaches to improving global health
3. Develop advanced skills with which to improve the health status of global populations living locally and internationally through collaborative clinical practice, scholarship, research, and leadership development
4. Discuss challenges of providing health care, conducting research, and developing local leadership skills in resource-limited settings to populations of different cultural backgrounds
5. Demonstrate increased cultural competency and cultural safety among diverse populations
6. Describe the challenges of seeking and providing health care to individuals speaking a language different than their own
7. Develop a philosophy of nursing practice which reflects nursing's responsibilities for vulnerable global populations in domestic and international settings

Application process

1. Students must apply using the application form to the Global Health Concentration in the first semester of their first specialty year in order to have sufficient time for completion of course work, clinical work, and scholarship.
2. Approved courses successfully taken for credit in previous semesters may be applied to the concentration requirements.
3. Students must be in good academic standing having completed all required coursework and clinical requirements for the year of study with no incomplete or failing grades.
4. Students will provide a faculty reference supporting student aptitude for additional work and commitment to global health.
5. Students will submit a personal statement of goals in seeking admission to the concentration. This document may describe prior activities related to global health and current philosophy of nursing with global populations.
6. Fluency in another language is not required for admission to the concentration but is a highly regarded skill and will be considered when the application is reviewed.

Global Health Concentration Plan of Study

- **Course work** includes 2 additional graduate level courses in global health. Students may explore options at a variety of schools and departments at Yale and must have courses approved by GHC faculty. Approved courses taken before application to the concentration will be accepted for fulfillment of requirements. Some but not all courses may be available at <http://ghi.yale.edu/courses>.
 - Yale offers a wide range of graduate level courses exploring the social, political and economic determinants of health. Although nursing is not the specific focus of these courses, the courses expose YSN students to the range of interdisciplinary issues that affect the health of global populations. These courses have all been approved by the curriculum committees of each school and so reflect high standards of academic rigor.
 - As global work moves forward at YSN it is anticipated that a global nursing module may be developed. This module will be required.
- **Clinical/Application:** Minimum of 2 credits (60 hrs) in an international setting with YSN-approved preceptors or in a domestic setting with international, immigrant, refugee, American Indian, Alaskan native or rural populations. In keeping with YSN concentration guidelines, these clinical hours are in addition to clinical hours required by students' specialties.
 - If the clinical rotation is occurring locally, students will participate in a required clinical conference (1.5 hrs) 3 times a semester coordinated by GHC faculty. This conference will give students the opportunity to reflect on and discuss the challenges of delivering health care to global populations. Issues of cultural sensitivity, cultural competence and linguistics appreciation will be reinforced. Selected readings will energize the discussions.
 - If students are obtaining their clinical experience abroad, they will meet regularly with their preceptors for reflection and review of the experience.
 - All students will submit a 4-6 page paper to their GHC faculty advisor reflecting on their clinical/application experiences and documenting observations, insights and challenges of working with global population.
- **Scholarly work:** Students will complete one of the following options
 - Praxis elective (N 704) with focus on topic relevant to global health
 - One document (concept paper, case study, critique) submitted to Master's e-portfolio with focus on topic relevant to global health

Role of Center for International Nursing Scholarship and Education

- Currently, the Interim Director of CINSE will be the faculty coordinator of the concentration and will be the faculty for the clinical conference.
- CINSE will maintain a portfolio for each student in the Global Health Concentration to assure that requirements are being met. The portfolio will contain application materials, records of courses being taken and written requirements for these courses, and response papers.
- CINSE administrative staff will support the YSN clinical site coordinators in locating and maintaining contracts with clinical sites in the US.

Global Health Concentration Application Form - (Deadline: November 1, 2017)

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Specialty: _____

Semester and Year: _____

Expected Year of Graduation: _____

Requirements:

- Didactic courses
 - Two Yale graduate level courses relating to global health. Global health courses may be found at <http://ghi.yale.edu/courses> or GHC faculty may direct students to appropriate schools and departments for these courses. Courses must be approved by concentration faculty. Students must achieve a passing grade.
- Clinical/application course: 60 hours of additional clinical experience in setting with global populations (either domestic or international)
- Scholarship:
 - One of the following options:
 - Praxis elective (N704) with focus on topic relevant to global health
 - One document (concept paper, case study) submitted to Master's e-Portfolio with focus on topic relevant to global health

Student:

____ I am aware of the expectations for the Concentration and have discussed them (course work, clinical, and scholarship) with:

Concentration Faculty _____

Academic Advisor _____

____ Short statement regarding goals and objectives (attached)

____ Transcript (attached)

____ Faculty letter of support (attached)

I agree to meet each semester with Concentration Faculty and my Academic Advisor to review my progress in the Concentration as well as my overall academic performance.

Student signature

Date

Concentration Faculty:

I agree to accept this student into the Concentration and will meet at least each semester to review this student's progress in the Concentration as well as overall academic performance.

Concentration Faculty signature

Date

Academic Advisor:

I agree that this student meets criteria to elect a Concentration and I will meet each semester to review this student's overall academic performance.

Academic Advisor signature

Date

4 signed copies: SAO, Student, Concentration Faculty, Academic Advisor