Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health

Certificate Overview
The Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health provides a mechanism for public health workers and students admitted to the UK Graduate School to enhance their competencies and skills in Maternal and Child Health.

The goal of the UK CPH Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health is to prepare public health workers to address multi-factorial Maternal and Child Health (MCH) issues in their communities with a sense of purpose and moral commitment.

Objectives:
1. To provide participants with theoretical, practical, and relevant educational experiences in MCH to enhance the health and welfare of children, mothers and families using the life course approach.
2. To use population data to assist in determining the needs of MCH populations for the purposes of designing programs, formulating policy and conducting research or training.
3. To describe health disparities within MCH populations, offer strategies to address them and respond appropriately to needs based on sensitivity to and respect for diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic status.
4. Demonstrate the use of a systems approach to explain the interactions among individuals, groups, organizations and communities to improve health outcomes of MCH populations.

Curriculum
The Graduate Certificate curriculum involves a total of 15 graduate credit hours including 6 hours of required courses.

Required Courses:
- CPH 740 Introduction to Maternal and Child Health (3 hrs)
- CPH 714 MCH Info & Data Systems (3 hrs)

Elective Courses:
- CPH 610 Injury Epidemiology and Control (3 hrs)
- CPH 641 Public Health and Anthropology (3 hrs)
- CPH 645 Food Systems and Malnutrition and Public Health (3 hrs)
- CPH 646 Women’s Health (3 hrs)
- CPH 648 Eliminating Health Disparities (3 hrs)
- CPH 653 Public Health Law and Policy (3 hrs)
- CPH 715 Perinatal Epidemiology (3 hrs)
- CPH 751 Introduction to Global Public Health (3 hrs)
- CPH 754 Health Care Access and Coverage (3 hrs)
- CNU 502 Obesity: Cell to Community (2 hrs)
- FAM 502 Families and Children Under Stress (3 hrs)
- NFS 516 Maternal and Child Nutrition (3 hrs)

Note: Not all of the classes listed above will be available every semester.

Students of the Graduate Certificate in MCH must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better to progress in the Curriculum and all course work for the Graduate Certificate in MCH must be completed within five years of admission.

With the exception of CPH 740 Introduction to Maternal and Child Health, courses and credit hours that satisfy the Graduate Certificate can be used to jointly satisfy degree credit hours for a degree (i.e., MPH, DrPH) as well as the Graduate Certificate.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate may not use CPH 740 for credit in any other Degree program in the College of Public Health.

Eligibility-Admission
The minimum Graduate School requirements for admission to a certificate curriculum are the same as those in effect for post-baccalaureate status.

- Students, who already are or will be enrolled in a degree program, or those who simply apply for post-baccalaureate (non-degree) status in order to complete the certificate, are eligible to apply for admission.
- Applicants for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health must be approved for admission by the certificate director who shall notify the Graduate School student’s admission. A student should apply and be admitted to the certificate curriculum prior to taking any classes that will be counted towards completion of the certificate.

Admission to or award of a graduate certificate does not guarantee admission to a degree program in the same or any other discipline.

Application Process
Students must be admitted to the UK Graduate School. Unless you are currently an MPH student, you must apply and be admitted to the Graduate School. Graduate School application deadlines and forms may be obtained through their website at: http://www.rgs.uky.edu/grad/. A supplemental two page essay stating why you are seeking this certificate and a one-page biography which includes the student’s educational and work experience.

Submit Graduate School applications directly to the Graduate School. Please note and adhere to the submission deadlines of the Graduate School.

Pre-approved certificate courses that have already been completed may count towards the curriculum requirements. (This does not include internships.) Requests to include these courses are made on the application. No more than six hours previously completed at UK can be counted toward the certificate.

Website Link

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