

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

The BS Global Health equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to address today's most pressing health challenges from a global perspective. Students will explore topics such as epidemiology, global health policy, and social determinants of health. Through case studies, fieldwork, and interdisciplinary projects, they will develop competencies in public health strategies, community outreach, health communication, and culturally responsive care. Graduates will be prepared to apply evidence-based practices and collaborate across sectors to improve health outcomes for diverse populations worldwide.

The BS Global Health consists of 135 units, including foundational prerequisites and 50 units of Global Health coursework—fifteen of which are graduate-level, offering a head start on future degrees. This well-rounded curriculum equips students with practical skills and interdisciplinary knowledge essential for success in public health, healthcare, and related professions.

Program Highlights:

- **Accelerated Pathway:** Complete your bachelor's degree in just three years and fast-track into LLU's master's programs to earn both degrees in four years for some degrees.
- **Global Perspective:** Explore career options through a global service lens
- **Health Equity Focus:** Build a foundation in biopsychosocial-spiritual care to address social determinants of health
- **Cultural Competency:** Gain the skills needed for professional practice in diverse communities locally and globally
- **Collaborative Solutions:** Develop the ability to work with interdisciplinary teams and create innovative, culturally appropriate solutions for community-based health services

While the primary value of the BS Global Health lies in its accelerated pathway to a master's degree, graduates will also gain valuable experience and foundational skills to begin contributing in entry-level roles. Completing this program sets students on a fast track to advanced education, positioning them to pursue specialized careers through LLU's master's programs. Along the way, students may explore roles such as:

- **Health Education Assistant** – Support public health programs by organizing outreach events and health campaigns.
- **Program Coordinator** – Assist with managing healthcare or community programs, gaining experience in project administration.
- **Community Health Advocate** – Work with local organizations to improve access to resources and promote wellness initiatives.
- **Community Health Worker** – Engage directly with communities to promote wellness, connect individuals to health services, and advocate for healthier environments.
- **Research Assistant** – Contribute to public health studies and data collection in preparation for future graduate-level research.
- **Public Health Intern** – Gain practical field experience working with NGOs or government health agencies.

The BS Global Health provides a path for accelerating the academic journey, allowing students to transition seamlessly into master's programs. Graduates who continue their education at LLU will be well-prepared for advanced careers in fields such as public health, healthcare leadership, health policy, and global health research. With the advantage

of an early start on graduate coursework, students can achieve their career goals more efficiently, minimizing time and financial investment.

Completion of the Bachelor of Science Global Health satisfies the undergraduate degree requirement for admission consideration to master's programs at Loma Linda University. Other institutions may not recognize a three-year program and may require a traditional four-year undergraduate degree for graduate admission.