

GLOBAL HEALTH - B.S.

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.

Admissions

In addition to Loma Linda University and School of Public Health admission requirements, the applicants must complete the following:

- A high school diploma or equivalent
- A minimum overall high school or previous college G.P.A. of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is required
- Personal Statement outlining your interest in global health, relevant experience, and career aspirations
- Two letters of recommendation that indicate your level of academic and/or professional background (for recent high school graduates within the past 2 years, recommendations from high school teachers and administrators are preferred)
- Language Proficiency: International students must meet language proficiency requirements. This could involve providing scores from standardized English language proficiency tests such as the TOEFL iBT (80 or higher) or IELTS (6.5 or higher). Alternatively, the program might accept other evidence of English proficiency, such as previous academic coursework in English.

Program Requirements

First Year

Autumn Quarter		Units
ENGL 111	College Writing I	3
RDNG 176	First-Year Seminar I	1
HIST 156	Survey of American History to 1865	3
AHRM 218	Statistics for Health Professionals	4
GLBH 204	Essentials of Global Health and Development	3
PEAC 115	PE: Exercise and You	0.5

Winter Quarter

ENGL 112	College Writing II	3
RDNG 177	First-year Seminar II	1
HIST 157	Survey of American History since 1865	3
BSCI 251	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	5
RELT 100	The Bible: An Introduction	3

Spring Quarter

ENGL 113	College Writing III	3
RDNG 178	First-Year Seminar III	1
BSCI 252	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	5
GLBH 304	Determinants of Health & Health Equity	3
	Elective	3

Second Year

Autumn Quarter		Units
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	4
AHCJ 275	Philosophy of Health in a Diverse World	4
RELE 456	Personal and Professional Ethics	3

Elective		3
Winter Quarter		
DTCS 205	Introduction to Human Nutrition and Wellness	4
PEAC 110	Independent Activities	0.5
RELR 445	Wholeness and Health	3
Elective		3
SOCI 226	Introduction to Sociology	4
Spring Quarter		
ANTH 315	Cultural Anthropology	4
HUMN 204	Medical Humanities	4
RELT 200	The Mission and Message of Jesus	3
COMM 104	Public Speaking	4
Third Year		
Autumn Quarter		
PCOR 501	Public Health for Community Resilience	5
GLBH 404	Partnering with Competence and Humility	3
HGIS 422	Principles of Geographic Information Systems	4
Winter Quarter		
PCOR 502	Public Health for a Healthy Lifestyle	5
GLBH 310	Issues in Global Health and Development	3
GLBH 410	Health Impacts of a Changing Environment	3
BHCJ 400	The Community Resiliency Model	4
Spring Quarter		
PCOR 503	Public Health and Health Systems	5
GLBH 420	Maternal Child Health Policy and Programs	4
BHCJ 404	Abnormal Psychology	3
Elective		3
Fourth Year		
Summer Quarter		
GLBH 445	Global Health Capstone Seminar	5
Total Units:		135