



# GLOBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS MASTER'S OF HEALTH SCIENCES (MHSc)

Global Health Systems is an intra-faculty, 12-month professional program offered through the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

As a student in the Program, you will spend eight months doing course work and complete a capstone summer practicum.

You will be immersed in a cutting-edge curriculum focused on international health with a specialized insight on marginalized populations. Throughout your studies, you will gain practical skills related to budget and grant management, business development, leadership and grant preparation. You will also learn more about infectious diseases, mental health, lifestyle-related diseases and be exposed to the key components of health systems and public health, as well as associated cultural practices and research ethics.

The Field School capstone, which is a classroom-to-field experience in Africa, is a key feature of the program. Once this is complete you will take part in a two-month professional integrated learning experience (summer practicum) with placements that align with your professional goals.

Throughout these experiences, you will be prepared for project management employment opportunities in health care nationally and internationally. You will also enjoy interactions with international health organizations and with career-building seminars from key leaders in various national government organizations, contract research organizations, government programs, health care agencies and private industry.

## CAREERS

***With your Global Health Systems - Masters of Health Sciences you will be prepared to pursue a position as a:***

- Project Coordinator, Programs Officer, Project Specialist
- Program Analyst, Policy Analyst, Policy and Advocacy Officer Epidemiologist
- Clinical Research(Intern/Project Coordinator)
- Research Associate
- Health Promotion Planner

***Graduates from our program have gone on to careers at the:***

- Cambridge Brain Sciences
- Generali Global Health Insurance
- Seeplus Health Care Services
- Ebridge Connections
- Alaya Care
- ANTIBODY Healthcare Communications



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## TIME TO COMPLETION

3 terms – 12-months

\* The GHS program is willing to make some accommodations for those accepted into medical school/ any other professional school during the course of the academic year. Accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis. Arrangements include planning for student completion of the required Field School work and finding a tailored practicum placement which would align with a mid-summer professional school start date, and the provision of a letter of completion as appropriate. However, final grades and official transcripts will only be available for issuance after the program end-date of August 31, 2023.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Honours undergraduate degree from an accredited university and have an explicit interest in working with marginalized populations -internationally and/or within Canada.
- A four-year undergraduate degree with a minimum 75% (Canadian equivalency) during the last two years of study
- Demonstrated awareness of the complex challenges and interest of the international health and/or working with underserved populations in identifying and solving complex health problems (through work, volunteering, etc.)
- Demonstrated English language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS) if you have not studied at the post-secondary level for at least 2 years in an Englishspeaking-country (Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and Nigeria)

\* Applicants whose first language is not English must furnish evidence of their proficiency in the use of the English language. The English Language Proficiency requirements for the MMASc program exceed the standard university requirement for graduate-level studies, because students in the MHSc program are called upon to exercise their communication skills frequently through class discussions, written assignments, group work and oral presentations.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- 12-month case-based/experiential approach integrates individual, small group and large group learning
- Emphasis on development and application of skills in team-based problem solving and decision making
- 3-week African Field School
- 7.5-week (300 hours) practicum placement with a partnering organization in Uganda in East Africa
- Faculty from Ivey, Health Sciences, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Arts & Humanities
- Modest cohort size (maximum 6:1 student/faculty ratio)
- Program Capstone Event: select graduates are invited to return during convocation for a special learning and networking showcase. held during Western's International Week (November of the following academic year)

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Application Opens: October 1**  
*January 15, 2024 - First round of offers*  
*March 1 - Second round of offers*  
*March 31 - Final deadline for international applications*  
*July 15 - Final deadline for domestic/permanent resident applications*

## TUITION

- Domestic: \$7333.33/ per term\*
- International: \$19,173.00/per term\*
- \*\*Plus an additional \$5,000 Summer Experiential Learning Fee for everyone

\*the most up-to-date tuition is available from the Office of the Registrar