

Amsterdam school of health professions

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International course Global Health – 30 ECTS

FEATURES OF THE COURSE:

- Multiprofessional, intercultural and international;
- 30 ECTS, 20 Weeks;
- 12-week theory classes (18 ECTS), including e-module cultural competency;
- 8-week fieldwork placement (12 ECTS);
- Twice a year, August-January and February-June;
- For health care students or students from health related programmes.

Global Health - description

More and more graduates want to take the step toward working abroad. At the same time national health care professionals have to deal with a globalized world and a multicultural society.

Both groups have to deal with more diverse opinions about sickness and health.

Global Health offers the opportunity to work on international and intercultural competences to meet these needs.

International students will work together with Dutch students.

What is Global Health?

According to the definition of J.P. Koplan et.al. (2009):

“Global Health is an area for study, research and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide.

Global Health emphasizes transnational health issues, determinants and solutions; involves many disciplines within and beyond the health sciences and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration; and is a synthesis of population based prevention and promotion with individual-level clinical care”.

GLOBAL HEALTH – Competences and contents

- Students will work on competences that are derived from the definition as mentioned above.
- Multi-professionalism, diversity, prevention and international are important notions that will be central to the course.
- The contents of the course is prevention.

Global Health - structure

- **Week 1-3:**
 - theory classes focusing on knowledge (introduction to global health, epidemiology, medical pluralism and social and behavioral determinants);
- **Week 4-12:**
 - Project 1 - collaboration. A case study will be central in the discussion and comparison concerning tasks and treatment in two different countries. Virtual contact with experts and students abroad will be part and input to the comparison.
 - Project 2 - Big Move (Social Advocacy).
 - Additional classes on Project Management, Quality Management and Health Resources Allocation Game.
 - Guest lecturers by experts in the field.
 - E-module Cultural Competency

Global Health and collaboration

To develop the Global Health course, Amsterdam School of Health Professions worked closely together with:

- ESS Cruz Vermelha Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal;
- Oslo and Akershus University College, Oslo, Norway;
- University College of Northern Denmark, Aalborg, Denmark.
- The partner universities simultaneously offers an international and multi-professional course with the same learning outcomes. However, the structure of the course and the specific contents may differ.

Global Health – More information and application

- For detailed information: download the pdf with FAQ's.
- To apply, download the Application Form and see further instructions on Admission and Application procedure.

Clinical Fieldwork Placement

All our education programmes offer international students the option to do a clinical fieldwork placement, preferably in combination with our international course Global Health. It gives you the possibility to meet Dutch students and get acquainted with your new environment more easily due to these contacts.

Clinical fieldwork placement – entry conditions

- Excellent communication skills are essential to be able to successfully fulfill your clinical placement.
- Active participation during the placement is expected from the student.
- The period can be decided upon in consultation with the Amsterdam International Office after receipt of your complete application.
- Make sure to have English language skills at level B1 of the Europass language portfolio.
- You are strongly advised to take at least one Dutch language course prior to the start of your exchange.

Clinical fieldwork placement – Exercise therapy

- Under specified conditions a clinical fieldwork placement can be arranged for.
- Please contact our international office for more information.

Clinical fieldwork placement - Nursing

- Students can do a clinical fieldwork placement in one of the general or academic hospitals in Amsterdam.
- We advise students to do a clinical internship as part of the international course Global Health. Or an internship during a full semester (20 weeks).
- There will be meetins in small groups at school for supervision and reflection on one own's acting.
- **It is not possible to do a clinical internship at the emergency ward, ICU, theatre or at the ambulance.**

Clinical fieldwork placement – occupational therapy

- Students can do a clinical fieldwork placement in elderly care: nursing homes, rehabilitation centres or hospitals.
- Length: ten or (preferably) twenty weeks, 40 hours a week, including 8 hours for preparation, writing reports and working on assignments.
- Supervision will be part of your clinical fieldwork placement.
- You will discuss your learning objectives but other questions may also be part of this meetings.
- Initiative and independence is expected from in your contact with the patients and occupational therapists.

Clinical fieldwork placement - Physiotherapy

- The vast majority of clinical fieldwork places concern “private practices”.
- In these private practices there are at least two PT’s responsible for supervising students.
- Private practices deal with ambulatory patients.
- Most of the clinical instructors have gathered a large experience in guiding international students and have clearly expressed their willingness to supervise foreign students.
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Final project

Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Exercise Therapy, Nursing

Under certain conditions international students are welcome to do part of their final thesis/project at our school in Amsterdam.

- Supervision will be provided by one of our lecturers.
- The focus will be on the working process.
- When applying you should make very clear what you expect from us and what your contribution should be.
- It is only possible for undergraduate students to apply.

APPLICATION – entry requirements

- 3rd and 4th year health care students from partner institutions (120 ECTS completed)
- English language level at least B1 European Language Portfolio. For more information about levels see www.coe.int/portfolio
- We strongly advise you to take at least one Dutch course prior to your arrival in Amsterdam.

Application - procedure

If you want to apply for an exchange with our School, please fill in the Exchange student application form and send it to the International Office.

Make sure that the following documents are enclosed:

- CV and motivation letter;
- Official transcript of records;
- Learning Agreement;
- A passport picture.

Make sure that your application is received in time.

- Closing date for the 1st semester: April 1st.
- Closing date for the 2nd semester: October 1st.

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We are looking forward to welcoming you!