Preparation for
Global Health Service & Learning

Global health learning and training can be extremely rewarding. But these experiences also pose challenges for the individual learner or trainee as well as for the host and sending institutions. Students and practitioners participating in medical, research and public health efforts in low-resource international settings often encounter ethical, personal and logistical issues. Adequate planning, preparation and adherence to best practices can help to ensure a successful global health experience.

The course will introduce the learner to a structured approach to and the necessary resources for planning and participating in an ethically-guided service and learning experience in an international setting. Over eight 2-hour sessions (1 credit hour) participants will explore and discuss:

- planning and preparation for global service and learning experiences
- ethical practices and conundrums
- personal health and safety
- assessing local health needs
- context-appropriate resources and practices for medicine, research and public health
- post-trip assessment and reflection

Although geared toward medical, public health and nursing students, this course is open to all University of Utah undergraduate and graduate students who plan to participate in an international service or learning trip. Before you leave for your destination, come and learn the skills and acquire the resources you need to make your global health experience a safe and successful one.

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