Diasporas and Health Disparities Certificate

Diasporas & Health Disparities (Graduate Certificate)

Description
The Graduate Certificate in Diasporas and Health Disparities is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with knowledge about the relationship between health and cultural diversity among diasporic peoples, those who have been displaced historically or contemporarily because of political, economic, or social upheavals or natural disasters.

Emphasis will be placed on the African Diaspora. Primary areas of study are diasporas and health, global public health, and cultural aspects of health and illness. The program will benefit students and practitioners in allied health professions and social and behavioral sciences. This is an 18-credit-hour certificate including a 3-credit- hour internship. Students with experience in the field can substitute a 3-credit elective for the internship.

Course Location/Delivery
This certificate is offered at the Tampa campus and partially online.

Admission Requirements
Applicants for the certificate should have:

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited university or college
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on all work completed while registered as an upper-division baccalaureate student; or have an overall GRE score of 1050 or higher, taken within five years preceding the application

Application Process
Please visit [http://www.usf.edu/innovative-education/programs/graduate-certificates/application-process.aspx](http://www.usf.edu/innovative-education/programs/graduate-certificates/application-process.aspx) to access the application. In addition, to the application forms please submit:

1. Official transcripts
2. A resume
3. A 250-word letter of interest stating your objectives in pursuing this course of study

Prerequisites
None are required.

Requirements
Total program hours: 18 credit hours
There are 12 hours of core courses, 3 hours of an elective, plus a 3-hour internship. Students can substitute an additional 3-hour elective course for the internship if they have worked in the field.

**Required Courses**
- AFA 6930 Global Challenge of Diversity (3)
- PHC 6764 Global Health Principles and contemporary Issues (3)
- PHC 6000 Epidemiology (3)
- AFA 6932 Health in the African Diaspora (3)
- AFA 6945 Supervised Internship (3)

**Elective Courses**
There are 3 hours of elective coursework required from the list below:

- AFA 6108 Social Construction of Race and Racism (3)
- PHC 6110 International Health and Health Care Systems (3)
- PHC 6764 Global Health Principles and Issues (3)
- PHC 6430 Economics of Health (3)
- PHC 6441 Social Determinants of health (3)
- PHC 6230 Foundations of Humanitarian Assistance (3)
- GEY 6934 Minority Aging (3)
- MHS XXXX Cultural Competence and Children's Mental Health (3)

Time Limit for Completion of Certificate
Per University Policy, all Certificates have a five year time limit.

Application of Certificate Courses Towards Graduate Degree
See USF Transfer of Credit Policy.

Standardized Test Requirements
International students must submit a TOEFL score when English is not the native language. A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test or 79 on the web-based test is required.
Registration Process
First, consult with the certificate program advisor and obtain an electronic course permit if necessary. Then go to http://usfonline.admin.usf.edu/, the link to OASIS, USF’s on-line registration system. Follow directions given on-line. To access online course materials, students must have the USF NetID (e-mail account). Please visit: https://netid.usf.edu/una/ to obtain the NetID. New students, including those studying online, may obtain the USFCard. Please visit: http://www.usf.edu/it/class-prep/usf-card.aspx to obtain the USFCard.

Tuition and Fees
Fees parallel that of standard graduate-level courses. Please visit http://www.usf.edu/innovative-education/programs/graduate-certificates/cost-to-attend.aspx

For Certificate Contact Information go to: http://www.usf.edu/innovative-education/graduate-certificates/programs/diasporas-and-health-disparities.aspx

Special Notes
- This graduate certificate does not require that you submit GRE scores with your application
- You may apply and/or enroll any semester as a certificate-seeking student
- The College of Public Health website is http://www.publichealth.usf.edu
- The College of Public Health Global Health website is http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/gh/index.htm
- The College of Public Health graduate certificate website is http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/catalog/2012-2013/05_gradcert.html

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