Public Health in Ghana: A One Health Perspective

The Public Health in Ghana Program covers major public health issues in Ghana, and both Western and traditional health care systems.

The program combines classroom lectures and field practice with an in-depth application of quantitative and qualitative research methods for community health in Ghana. Students will learn about Ghana’s historical, social, political, economic, and cultural environment, to provide a context for understanding the country’s health care system, and health beliefs and practices.

Field trips, include visits to Elmina Castle, Cape Coast, Kakum National Forest, craft centers, schools, museums, and other cultural institutions. The Ghana program provides a unique opportunity to experience local African art, music, and rural living.

Public Health in Ghana is targeted to graduate public health students, and upper-level undergraduate students from ALL majors following a selective application process.

Students who elect to participate in the Public Health in Ghana program should note: There is a three-week required online orientation class (non-credit bearing) to prepare students for fieldwork for the Ghana program during March/April of the previous semester. Students should plan their course schedules accordingly.

Student comments about the program:

- “In addition to all the factual information that I obtained….this reminder of the importance of cross-cultural awareness/sensitivity when dealing with any issue of public health in the US or abroad will have a lasting positive effect on my performance as a public health practitioner.”
- Awesome field trips, small yet communal feeling with the group
- Real life qualitative research, creation of deliverables that were culturally appropriate and aligned with literacy levels
- Cultural immersion, on the ground community engagement experience

More details about this program can be found at: https://msueducationabroad.us.msu.edu/program_brochure/11754/about-program

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