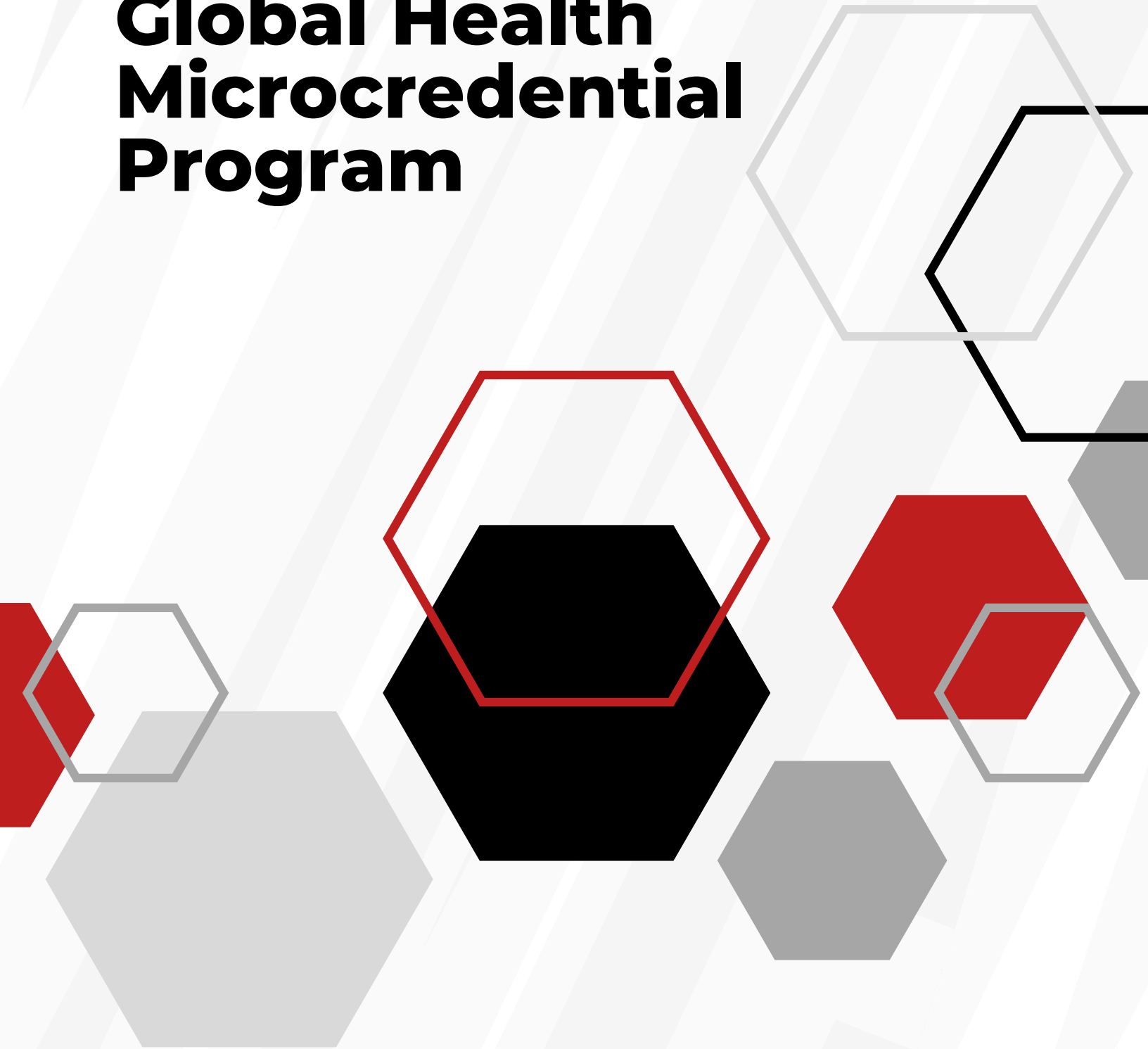


TTUHSC

Global Health Microcredential Program





Overview

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Microcredential Initiative offers life-long learners (faculty, staff, and students) valuable opportunities to build core competencies in global health and ethical global engagement. The objective of the Global Health Microcredential Program is to cultivate global awareness and competence, equipping learners with the skills necessary for responsible global engagement. Currently, the program includes three badges: **Global Perspectives**, **Foundations in Global Health**, and **Ethical Global Engagement**.

Through the Office of Global Health, TTUHSC provides learners with comprehensive global health education and structured, ethically guided immersion experiences. The Global Health Microcredential Program is designed to expand educational opportunities and deepen learners' understanding of complex global health issues.

Learners participating in the TTUHSC Global Health Microcredential Program gain educational experiences in key areas such as global health history, ethics, global citizenship, leadership, collaboration, and professional practice. To earn a microcredential, learners must complete designated activities associated with each badge. Upon fulfilling these requirements, learners may apply to receive their digital credential badge, signifying their achievement and commitment to global health competencies.





Digital Credential Badges

- **Global Perspectives**
 - **Foundations in Global Health**
 - **Ethical Global Engagement**
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Ethical Global Engagement

The **Ethical Global Engagement Microcredential** affords learners the opportunity to participate in a TTUHSC-sponsored International Program while addressing the essential principles and practices necessary for responsible and impactful global engagement. This microcredential emphasizes the critical importance of ensuring short-term experiences in global health (STEGHs) are ethical and rooted in the principles of the [Brocher Declaration](#), including mutual partnership, and accountability when engaging with communities from diverse cultural and socioeconomic contexts.

The **Ethical Global Engagement Microcredential** covers key principles that should guide all global health engagement. It underscores the importance of collaborative relationships, with bidirectional input and learning, ensuring that host communities are defining the conditions of any short-term engagement. It highlights the necessity of sustainable projects that build local capacity, aligning with the host community's health priorities and contributing to the strengthening of local health systems. Additionally, it emphasizes compliance with applicable laws and ethical standards, ensuring that all global health initiatives are conducted with humility, cultural sensitivity, and respect for all involved.

Upon completion of this microcredential, participants will be prepared to engage in future global initiatives ethically and with accountability, fostering positive, sustainable change, and reducing health disparities in the communities they serve.

Target Audience:

TTUHSC students

Learning Objectives:

- Adapt communication strategies for an interprofessional and cross-cultural environment.
- List and evaluate (from your own perspective) the strengths and challenges of the host community's health care delivery model.
- Discuss how social determinants of health impact the wellbeing of the host community.
- Identify the major causes of morbidity and mortality in the host community.
- Integrate your professional skill set into existing community assets, adapting to the local health system.
- Formulate strategies of engagement that account for culture, community, and individuals.
- Demonstrate integrity, regard, and respect for others in all aspects of professional practice.

Earning Criteria:

- Complete the Ethics Module available within the International Programs Predeparture Modules and submit the certificate of completion to the Office of Global Health at globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu. This module is specifically designed to familiarize learners with the foundational principles of ethical engagement across a broad spectrum of topics.
- Apply for and successfully complete a TTUHSC-sponsored International Program for Students. This experiential activity allows learners to apply ethical principles in real-world scenarios, enhancing their practical understanding and competence.
- Complete the TTUHSC International Programs Reflection Guide and download a summary of the responses and activities from the Reflection Guide. Learners who complete at least 75% of the Reflection Guide will be deemed eligible. The summary page should be emailed to the Office of Global Health at globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu. This reflective exercise enables learners to synthesis their experiences through a series of guided questions and activities, fostering deeper insights into their learning.
- Complete a culminating Photo Voice project that visually and narratively demonstrates how participation in the international program met selected learning objectives. The project will be evaluated by the Office of Global Health using a standardized rubric. Learners who receive a score of 90 or higher will be deemed eligible. For more information about the Photo Voice project, please contact the Office of Global Health via email at globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu. The completed Photo Voice project must be submitted by email to the Office of Global Health at the same address.

Enrollment Process:

Learners intending to complete the microcredential must notify the Office of Global Health by submitting an enrollment form at the following link:

<https://app4.ttuhsc.edu/formbuilder/ViewForm.aspx?FormKey=653fc934-f485-4763-ad43-2b3a8ef9aa6a>.

Due Date:

Applicants must fulfill the earning criteria within one (1) month following the conclusion of the international program.





Questions



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