

# MPH – Global Health Concentration at UNC

***Health threats don't see national borders, and at UNC, we don't see them either.***

Global health students at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health gain the knowledge, skills and experience they need to advance the health and well-being of populations in diverse global settings. The Gillings School's signature philosophy is that there is no difference between global health and public health. Our MPH Global Health concentration is designed to train current and aspiring professionals to solve public health problems in resource-constrained settings locally and globally. The concentration prepares future leaders with advanced skills in research methods, program planning and monitoring and evaluation.

Develop skills to tackle public health on a global scale. Whether you work with immigrants in rural North Carolina, urban youth in Tanzania or transgender men in China, you'll develop these skills that global health professionals need.

- Use quantitative and qualitative data to analyze challenges to achieve better health outcomes in low-resource settings.
- Develop programs to deliver evidence-based interventions to address these challenges.
- Analyze barriers to implementation and sustainment of programs and strategies to overcome these barriers.
- Monitor and evaluate the processes and outcomes of global health programs and policies.
- Work with multinational teams in diverse settings – local and global, sociocultural and political – to solve interdisciplinary problems.

## Deadlines

**Applications Open:** Aug. 18, 2018

**Priority for Funding:** Dec. 11, 2018

**SOPHAS:** Feb. 1, 2019

**Graduate School:** Feb. 12, 2019

Fanny Nije completed a practicum working with United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) in The Gambia in summer 2018.

***We participated in weekly discussion sessions to observe how UNFPA could increase the current clinic's capacity while preserving the elements that make it successful.***



Fanny Nije (left) took a selfie with First Lady of The Gambia (center) and fellow intern Jalang (right) as the First Lady departed from Bundung MCH Hospital.



From left to right, Professors Jill Stewart, Rohit Ramaswamy, Suzanne Maman and Ilene Speizer.

***Our students will work with global populations in the U.S. and throughout the world, in research, practice and policy, and in settings from community organizations to ministries of public health.***

— Suzanne Maman

## Concentration leaders

**Suzanne Maman, PhD**, head of the Global Health concentration and professor of health behavior, has been developing, implementing and evaluating HIV and violence prevention programs in sub-Saharan Africa for 20 years. She also focuses on interventions that engage men in Tanzania on HIV and violence prevention.

**Rohit Ramaswamy, PhD**, professor of public health leadership and maternal and child health, He works in Ghana, Kenya, Zambia and the United States, helping facilities and communities learn the tools of applied implementation and continuous quality improvement. Dr. Ramaswamy has significant experience working with the private sector.

**Ilene Speizer, PhD**, professor of maternal and child health and faculty fellow at the Carolina Population Center, has led research and evaluation studies on family planning, HIV prevention, intimate partner violence and adolescent reproductive health programs in sub-Saharan Africa, Haiti and India.

**Jill Stewart, PhD**, associate professor of environmental sciences and engineering, develops novel techniques to detect and track pathogens in water. Her research increases understanding of how environmental conditions can affect human health, and how humans themselves influence this process.

**75 other UNC Gillings faculty members engage with global public health issues.**

### 5 Core

1. Critical issues in Global Health
2. Program Planning for Global Health
3. Implementation Science for Global Health
4. Monitoring and Evaluation for Global Health
5. Cultural Humility, Global Health Ethics and Professional Development

### 9 Electives

- Social and Peer Support in Health: An Ecological and Global Perspective
- Global Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Globalization and Health
- Global Health Ethics
- Global Perspectives on Environmental Health Inequalities

(partial list)

### Practicum

Master's students complete a 200-hour, individualized, mentored, on-site practicum that links learning to practice. Students work on global public health issues internationally and in the U.S. Approximately 40 students have completed a global health practicum in 15-17 countries each summer for the last three years.

### Information

<https://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/global-health-concentration/>

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