

Possible global health-related Madison-area internship/volunteer host organizations

A list provided by UW-Madison's Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Corrections or additions to this list?

This list is maintained by Robin Mittenthal (mittenthal@wisc.edu). If you want to suggest additions to or deletions from this list, you can e-mail him but can also submit the form that exists on the certificate's web site for this purpose.

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- **You have no liability coverage from UW-Madison**—You are not covered by UW-Madison's general or professional liability insurance for any of your actions undertaken as part of the internship, including but not limited to, any injury or property damage that you might cause. You are also not covered by UW-Madison's workers compensation insurance for any illness or injury you might suffer while completing the internship.

Tips on using this list:

- **Do you want to intern or volunteer?** -- Internships are like short-term jobs where education is a recognized element of the job. They can be paid or unpaid. To earn UW credit for one, whether paid or unpaid, you must have a designated supervisor and specific learning goals in addition to a written description of the work you plan to carry out. Internships usually involve substantial time commitments (for UW credit, typically at least 96 hours of work spread out over at least four weeks).
Volunteer positions usually involve less time commitment, are based around responsibilities (answering a phone, handing out materials, etc.) that do not require much training, and may not involve much supervision. In some organizations, work as a volunteer can lead to internship opportunities later on.
In terms of preparing you for graduate school and/or employment after college, internships can be better than volunteer positions because interning more often results in the creation of a document, program, or other "product" that you can show to graduate schools and employers. However, volunteering can be a great way to decide with minimal commitment of time and energy whether you have any interest in the mission of a particular organization. With advanced planning, internships can be done for credit and can potentially be used to complete the field experience requirement for the Certificate in Global Health. That's not true for volunteering.
- **You can't just sign up to work with these groups** -- While you may be able to volunteer with these groups or create an internship with them (possibly one that would be acceptable to the Certificate as your formal field experience), *we have no idea if these organizations are interested in having interns or volunteers at any particular time (or ever, for that matter)*. The "Work in global health during college" section of the certificate's handbook has tips on approaching organizations with which you would like to work.
- **This is not an exhaustive list** – There are hundreds of other non-profit, governmental, and for-profit organizations around Dane County alone with which one might create a global health-focused internship or volunteer experience. While we have had students volunteer or intern with some of these organizations and expect that to continue, this list is provided largely to indicate the wide variety of topics you might explore

through a local internship. For help finding organizations working on a topic that's not represented in this list, please see a certificate advisor.

- **Want to count this as your Certificate field experience?** -- Arranging an internship with one of the organizations listed here does not necessarily fulfill the Certificate's field experience requirement. To do that, you must: a) figure out a way to earn credit for the internship (through Inter L&S 260, a course run by L&S Career Services, in most cases), and b) have the details of your internship approved by the Certificate's executive committee (see the form titled "Seeking approval of a field experience you find or create yourself" on the program's "Forms and FAQs" web page).
- **Get advising!** -- Students are **STRONGLY** encouraged to seek advising early in the process of considering an internship as a field experience for the certificate. If you would like to secure an internship just to accumulate additional work experience and do not need to earn credit for it, no consideration by or approval from the certificate is needed, but you are welcome to seek input on your internship from an advisor if desired.
- **Finding what you want in the list** – This list is just a spreadsheet, not a database. We have tried to classify the mission of each organization using one or more of the following descriptors. You may want to use the "find" command in your browser to search the spreadsheet for rows of interest (e.g., search for the word "law" or the words "mental health").
 - Access to health care
 - Agriculture – production
 - Agriculture -- local food and food security
 - Children's health
 - Community health
 - Dental health
 - Disabilities
 - Economic development
 - Education
 - Environmental Health
 - Epidemiology
 - Family Planning and Reproductive Health
 - Drug use (smoking, alcohol, narcotics)
 - Gerontology (elder services)
 - Healthcare admin and management
 - Infectious disease
 - Law
 - Mental Health
 - Minority health and health disparities
 - Nutrition
 - Obesity and chronic disease
 - Physical activity
 - Policy and governance
 - Poverty and employment
 - Veterinary
 - Violence
 - Women's health
 - Other misc. topics