

Educating World Citizens

Expanding horizons

Students learn, help alleviate health disparities

GHI collaborates with the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and the Department of Population Health Sciences to introduce hundreds of students each year to the complexities of health challenges through Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional/Capstone Certificates in Global Health. From Austria to Ecuador to Ethiopia to Ashland County, Wisconsin, students learn, participate in service projects, and collaborate with communities. Here are perspectives from two of this year's Graduate/Professional/Capstone certificate graduates:

Kyana Young ('14 PhD ENG) combined her interests in environmental engineering and health, focusing on water projects to improve global health. **“Completing the certificate was the motivator and confidence-builder for me to explore and pursue opportunities where the two disciplines are merged,”** said Young, now a post-doctoral research associate at Michigan State University working on a Global Water Pathogen Project.

During her field work with Kenyan girls, UW nurse **Abby Roepke** helped increase school attendance through better nutrition and the use of reusable sanitary pads. **“The (certificate) program helped confirm my passion for public health and for bridging the gap between the care I provide to patients and the world in which they live,”** said Roepke, now pursuing masters degrees in nursing and public health at the University of Pennsylvania.



Water projects, top, took Kyana Young to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In Kenya, bottom, Abby Roepke helped increase girls' school attendance by promoting the use of reusable sanitary pads.

450

undergraduates
pursuing a Global
Health Certificate in
May 2015.

656

undergraduates
earned Global
Health Certificates
since 2011.

88

students pursuing
Graduate/
Professional/
Capstone Global
Health Certificate in
May 2015.

146

students have
earned Graduate/
Professional/
Capstone
certificates.