

Eligibility and Pre-requisites

- Core classes in epidemiology, biostatistics, and social and behavioral sciences, plus IH703 or IH704
- At least 12 credits at BUSPH
- Good academic standing

Costs and Benefits

For the cost of a full-time semester at BUSPH, you get:

- 16 credits
- Field practicum
- Round trip airfare between Boston and Manila
- Visa (multiple entry)
- Medical evacuation insurance

Additional costs:

- Accommodations and meals
- Program-related in-country travel
- Pre-trip vaccinations and health certificate

"I would recommend the program for someone looking for a longer period of exposure in a foreign setting as opposed to a few months in the summer. The Philippines Exchange Program provided me with the opportunity to work through a variety of situations that I would have otherwise never been exposed to."

- Ian Patten, Spring '09 Participant

University of the Philippines, Manila
College of Public Health
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<http://cph.upm.edu.ph>



The College of Public Health, founded in 1927, is the premier academic public health institution in the Philippines and routinely collaborates with the nearby Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organization.



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Philippines Program

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Program in International Health Practice in the Philippines

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How it Works

Are you ready to live, work, and study in a multifaceted developing country with a rich cultural history, beautiful landscapes and engaging rural and urban public health challenges? The Philippines Program is a 5-month academic and field experience designed to immerse students into the public health issues of the area.

Students take part in three central activities:

- **Coursework:** Take at least 5 units at University of the Philippines, Manila; College of Public Health (UPM/CPH)
- **Field work:** Participate in a 5-week field placement working in a community or organization to implement a public health project depending on semester
- **Study Tour:** Gain in-depth and up-close understanding of community health financing through a facilitated visit with two communities outside of Manila

The UPM College of Public Health offers courses in a range of disciplines. The teaching is practice-based. Coursework encourages student interaction with government officials, health care personnel, and community leaders while learning about pertinent issues. Popular course topics include: health policy, disease outbreaks, parasitology, food safety, and environmental health.

Spring Fieldwork

(mid-January to early June)

Students participate in a 5-week group field placement exercise with other UPM/CPH students.

Fall Fieldwork

(early August to mid-December)

UPM/CPH helps students develop an individual public health project with a local organization.

Syllabus for each semester is available from Joe Anzalone.

Transcript

Sixteen credits at BUSPH, as follows:

- HC840 International Field Practice (6 credits)
- HC841 Community Health Financing (2 credits)
- HC842 UPM/CPH Courses (8 credits)

Eight of the 16 credits can be used toward the IH concentration requirements.

Application Deadline

- October 15 for Spring
- April 15 for Fall

<http://sph.bu.edu/ih/philippines>

MORE INFORMATION

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APPLICATION

Applications are available on the program website. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis prior to the deadline. Six spaces available per semester.

STUDENT BLOGS

<http://yingyingz.tumblr.com/>
Ying Ying Zhang, Philippines Fall'10

<http://manymilesoneheart.wordpress.com/>
Beth Schwaabe, Philippines Fall'10