

WHAT'S THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN...

GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH



This concentration brings a multidisciplinary perspective to the understanding of people's health worldwide. Key concerns include health problems specific to certain populations, disparities in access to healthcare within and between countries, health needs in humanitarian emergencies, and global health threats such as pandemics. Significant consideration is given to how political, economic, and cultural contexts affect people's health, what ethical issues arise in regard to healthcare, and how global health initiatives and domestic policies and programs seek to provide solutions.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



This concentration focuses on understanding the various barriers that groups and societies face in achieving or maintaining well-being. In addition, it assesses the effectiveness of development approaches that aim to provide solutions. Key concerns are reducing poverty and inequality while enhancing sustainability and equity. The assessment of governments' capabilities, people's political, economic, and social opportunities, community resilience, and humanitarian needs are other dimensions of international development.

DISTINCTION

Global Health is one sector of International Development, there is a degree of overlap in the concentrations, and both are solution-oriented. However, Global Health focuses more specifically on disease prevalence and access to health care, the contextual factors that affect people's health, and what governments and health-related organizations are doing to address health disparities.

International Development is broader than the Global Health concentration, which provides a deeper exploration of one particular sector of international development.



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